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FIRST IMPEACHMENT IN 40 YEARS IN S KOREA

SEOUL: South Korea's parliament on Saturday impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol over his martial law decree. The parliament passed the motion 204-85. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered near the parliament roared in jubilation. Yoon's presidential powers and duties were subsequently suspended and Prime Minister Han Duck-soo took over presidential powers | AP | P12

Viswanathan Anand
@vishy64theking
Can You Spot Two World Champions?
The first time I noticed Gukesh was here, the quieter one, always absorbing the class with remarkable focus. And then there was Pragg, by far the most restless kid, bursting with energy, who couldn't stop blurting out the answers. I remember Rakshita Ravi being there too. In the far end, is that Leon? Perhaps, the seeds of WACA were sown here.
@FIDE_chess
@WacaChess

RARE FIRST
WHEN VISHY SAW GUKESH

Five-time world champion V Anand posted a TNIE page grab dated 18.03.2017 on X with the title: Can you spot Two World Champions? Going by Anand's tweet, this was the first time he noticed D Gukesh (2nd from L) during a Chennai workshop. R Praggnanandhaa participated. Here's a clearer picture | D SAMPATHKUMAR

PM: Cong tasted blood, wounded Constitution

Accuses previous govts of amending statute 75 times in six decades

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a no holds barred attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the grand old party, having 'tasted blood', repeatedly tampered with the Constitution, adding that the party can't wipe off the taint.

In his reply to the two-day debate commemorating 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution, Modi accused the previous Congress governments of amending the Constitution 75 times in the last six decades.

"The seed was planted by the first PM, was followed by another PM Indira Gandhi. Disregarding the Supreme Court's decision of 1971, she amended the Constitution to clip the wings of our judiciary to give complete power to the Parliament," he said. "Whenever democracy is discussed in the world, this sin of the Congress will never be forgiven... The Constitution was torn apart when it was celebrating 25th anniversary," he added.

Recalling the dark days of Emergency, Modi said that the country was turned into a prison, citizens' rights were snatched and press freedom curtailed. "When Indira Gandhi's election to the Lok Sabha was turned down, she imposed Emergency to save her position in 1975. She also ensured that Justice Khanna, who gave the order against her election, was not made the CJI," Modi said.

Continuing his attack, he said former PM Rajiv Gandhi disregarded Supreme Court's order in favour of Shah Bano, and pursued vote-bank politics. Their next generation is also into the same game, he said in a swipe at the Leader of Opposition in the House Rahul Gandhi and his sister and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

In a veiled reference to Rahul, the PM said an 'arrogant' person tore the decision of the Cabinet when the Congress-led UPA government headed by the then prime minister Manmohan Singh was in power.

The National Advisory Council, which was headed by Sonia Gandhi, was put above the Cabinet during the UPA rule, he pointed out.

Referring to the Uniform Civil Code, he said it was a topic debated by the Constituent Assembly and they decided that the decision should be taken by subsequent governments. "Today we are committed to bring about a secular code in the country," Modi said.

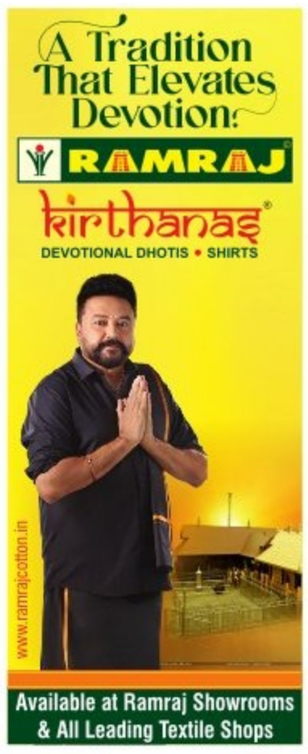
While the makers of the Constitution took a considered decision to disallow reservation on the basis of religion and faith in the interest of the country's unity and integrity, the Congress in its 'greed for power' and to 'appease its vote bank' pushed for it in violation of the constitutional spirit, the prime minister charged. P9

Jumla is a favourite word of the Congress. The biggest *jumla* in country's history was Indira Gandhi's slogan of *garibi hatao*, which was used by their four generations

Narendra Modi, prime minister

RAHUL'S SAVARKAR POKE AT BJP-RSS

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi launched a broadside against the BJP-RSS, saying Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar considered *Manusmriti* superior to the Constitution. He quoted Savarkar as saying that there was "nothing Indian about our Constitution." Ridiculing the BJP, he said, "when you speak about defending the Constitution, you are defaming Savarkar." | P9



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Italy sings viva cricket ahead of 2026 T20 WC

GOMESH S @ Brisbane

ITALY, known for its footballing pedigree, is slowly turning its attention towards another game — cricket. It is encouraging talents from other countries, especially Australia, to move to Italy and help them qualify for the 2026 T20 World Cup.

Remember Joe Burns? The hard-hitting Queenslander who made his Test debut along with K L Rahul during the Boxing Day Test between India and Australia 10 years ago? He is now leading the Italy team. The country may lack a proper cricket ground and practice in the middle of a tomato field, yet Burns and his teammates are going all out to help them qualify. Though many in the team are from Australia, there a few from the sub-continent too.

Burns' grandparents were born and brought up in Italy before migrating to Australia after the World War II. Burns has a dual passport. Though he had been longing to play for Italy in 2008-09, Burns took the call this year. His brother, Dominic, had passed away in February and Burns took on his jersey number (85), while making a commitment to honour his Italian heritage.

He made his debut for the Italy in T20 World Cup European Regional Qualifier, and ensured its qualification for the Europe Regional final with a century against Romania in the final. "My story is very similar to a lot of Italians my age," Burns tells this daily. He is not alone in harbouring this longing. Since the time he joined the team, Italian Cricket Federation has received a flurry of requests from Australian cricketers with Italian roots. P15

HC junks proceedings against Yatnal, Surya, Satish

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The Karnataka High Court has quashed the criminal proceedings initiated against BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi in separate cases.

The complaint against Yatnal was filed by KPCC for his alleged remarks against LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and his mother Sonia Gandhi.

The complaint against Surya was registered by Haveri CEN Police over his post on 'X' that a farmer died due to the claim of Waqf Board over his land.

The defamation case against Jarkiholi was registered by an advocate alleging he (Jarkiholi) has hurt the sentiments of Hindus stating that the word, "Hindu", has a dirty meaning. P7

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Kirana Bhandar
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- **Sunday:** 15.12.2024 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana
- **Ritu:** Hemanth • **Masa:** Margasira • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Purnima 2.23 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Mrigasira 3.16 am • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER

MIN 14°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST
Broken clouds

Sunrise	06.33 am
Sunset	05.56 pm
Moonrise	05.54 pm
Moonset	06.20 am

REVIVING THE VANISHING KATTES OF MANGALURU

The katte holds social and cultural significance, and efforts have begun to conserve this essential slice of Indian life

Kattes provided space for villagers, wayfarers and local communities to gather, share stories, engage in religious rituals, or simply rest before continuing their journeys | EXPRESS

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

IN the heart of rural and urban India, the katte (a raised platform built around a tree) has long been a hub for community life, blending social, religious and cultural practices. These humble structures, often nestled under the cool canopy of trees, provided space for villagers, wayfarers and local communities to gather, share stories, engage in religious rituals, or simply rest before continuing their journeys. However, as urbanization accelerates across the country, many of these once-vibrant community spaces have disappeared. Yet, in Mangaluru, a city on the west coast of India, efforts are being made to preserve this legacy of communal gatherings.

Historically, kattes were found across villages, towns and even cities, offering a physical and emotional respite from the demands of daily life. These structures were not just resting places but acted as vital social nodes where people would come together to converse, pray and bond. Often, they were built around large trees, whose shade provided comfort and whose roots anchored a sense of community.

However, with rapid urban development, these traditional spaces have steadily eroded. Now, the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Mangaluru chapter, has embarked on an ambitious project to document and preserve over 250 kattes across the coastal city. The effort is part of a broader strategy to protect not only the physical structure but also the cultural spaces they represent. The documentation process, which combines research with local input, highlights the importance of kattes as communal spaces and advocates their conservation within the context of modern urban development.

Preserving heritage amid growth

The report by INTACH calls for increased awareness and tangible action by citizens, urban planners and policy makers, to ensure that kattes are preserved in the face of growing urban encroachment. As traffic grows and construction projects take over once-public spaces, the challenge becomes how to integrate these community hubs into modern city life. The report argues that periodic assessment of these kattes — monitoring both the trees and platforms — are essential for their survival. This can include addressing structural damage and providing solutions such as using flexible materials or adjusting platform heights to accommodate tree growth.

Moreover, kattes should not be merely preserved as relics of the past. They need to be revitalised as public spaces where community engagement can thrive. In the past, kattes were maintained collectively by the local population. As Subash Basu, convener of INTACH, Mangaluru Chapter, puts it: "We intend to sensitise citizens about the importance of tree kattes and the social, religious and ecological necessity to chalk out conservation methods to be used as an element of urban design for the future."

The documentation of kattes is an ongoing effort. INTACH has created an open platform for citizens and students to contribute by identifying and adding new kattes to the list through a simple QR code system. This allows locals to become active participants in the preservation of their cultural heritage.

In addition to physical documentation, the report suggests exploring the rich anecdotal history associated with each katte. Stories from the past, often passed down through generations, hold untapped potential for deeper cultural understanding and can offer insights into how these spaces shaped community life.

However, the report also raises important questions about the future of these spaces. One of the most pressing issues is the growing tension between religious protectionism and public access to kattes. While many of these spaces are associated with local temples or deities, it is essential to ensure they remain open to the public, continuing their role as centres of social interaction and spiritual connection.

> **We intend to sensitise citizens about the importance of tree kattes and the social, religious and ecological necessity to chalk out conservation methods to be used as an element of urban design for the future** – Subash Basu, convener of INTACH, M'luru Chapter

Changing role of shade

Kattes were traditionally a source of respite, both physically and mentally, offering shade from the intense tropical sun. The shadow of the tree was a gathering point for people of all backgrounds — families, elders, travellers and animals. But in today's Mangaluru, that once-soothing shade is occupied by cars. Increasing urban traffic and parking issues have turned this space into a parking lot.

The changing role of trees in urban settings presents new challenges for the conservation of kattes. Many kattes are constructed using locally available laterite stone, but growing tree roots can interfere with the structural integrity of the platform. Some have been modified with higher platforms or gated fences, discouraging their use. INTACH's documentation process has recommended design solutions to allow for tree growth while ensuring the kattes remain accessible and functional.

Moving forward

Mangaluru now has a chance to protect a piece of its heritage that is as important to its identity as any monument or temple.

INTACH'S call is simple yet urgent: communities must come together, not just to conserve these spaces, but to restore the social, spiritual, and ecological functions they once served. preserving Kattes is not only about protecting trees and structures, it's about safeguarding a way of life that connects people, past and present, through shared spaces of rest, worship, and community.

SACRED TREES

The trees that shelter kattes are varied, and have their own cultural and ecological significance.

Peepal tree: Revered for its sacredness, is the most commonly found katte tree. Its heart-shaped leaves and expansive canopy are a symbol of spiritual and ecological importance.

Banyan tree: Often found near temples, daivasthanas (community shrines), or along roadways.

Temple Tree (Plumeria): Sacred species like Bilvapatra, Bevu and Maavu, also have their own kattes. The trees thrive in Mangaluru's warm, humid climate, and each type carries unique cultural meanings. However, non-native species like the Gulmohur and Rain Tree, introduced by the Forest department for their aesthetic qualities, have also found their place at kattes, albeit with less historical significance.

KAMALADEVI'S RECOLLECTION

For many, kattes are more than just physical spaces; they are emotional and nostalgic landmarks of a bygone era. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, renowned social reformer born in Mangaluru, recalls in her memoirs the fond memories of afternoons spent at her aunt's local katta. "The narratives, whether stories read or related, or just discourses, were usually made current by likening them to present events or sometimes lending a personal touch to the episodes," she writes. Her memories of communal gatherings, devotional songs, and even the simple act of resting in the shade of a peepal tree, resonate deeply with anyone who understands their true spirit.

Frustrated residents of Varthur cut a cake to mark the first anniversary of their protest against BBMP's failure to repair roads and fix potholes | x

Potholes: Varthur holds first protest anniversary

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HUNDREDS of residents of Varthur, an integral part of the city's IT corridor, on Saturday 'celebrated' the first anniversary of their protest against Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) failure to repair roads and provide other amenities to their locality.

They cut a cake on the occasion. On the same day last year, they staged a protest seeking better roads and had appealed to the Palike to fill potholes in Varthur. But no steps have been taken to address their problems.

The residents took out a procession raising slogans against the 'incompetence' of the Palike to address their problems. They organised the cake-cutting ceremony to send a strong message to the BBMP chief commissioner, Mahadevapura zonal commissioner, joint commissioner, chief engineer and ward officials.

"Roads are full of potholes and craters not only in Varthur, but also in other parts of Mahadevapura zone after the recent rain. The Palike officials have not taken any steps to fill the potholes despite our pleas," Jagadish Reddy from Varthur said.

A BBMP official from the project division said many roads in Mahadevapura zone have been marked for white topping and by March-end, the pothole problem will be addressed.

The Palike has started filling potholes on Avenue Road with 'Ecofix mixture' developed using industrial waste from steel industries (iron and steel slag). To fill potholes, it is necessary to drain water and clean them to apply tack coat. But potholes can be filled with 'Ecofix mixture' without cleaning them. There is no need for the tack coat. The damaged roads can be opened after the repair work, according to Palike engineers.

B'lore Trades Association honours 60 employees

Bengaluru: The 125-year-old Bangalore Trades Association celebrated Retail Employees Day 2024 and felicitated over 60 employees from member establishments for their outstanding performance and dedication. Immediate past president Vijayashekar Ravi, chief guest Chetan Siyal, president Sreesh R Babu, secretary Rajesh Bantia and treasurer Deepak Welling were present.

BLF unites bibliophiles over ideas, creativity

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THE 13th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF), a much-anticipated annual gathering for book lovers, opened its doors on Saturday, drawing bibliophiles from across the city.

The vibrant celebration of books, ideas and creativity at the BLF brought together some of the most renowned voices. The festival had something for everyone, from music and crime to science and fiction and culture and traditions, the event hosted a rich panel of multiple speakers, who engaged in thought-provoking discussions across diverse topics.

Highlights included Raga Harmony session with renowned violinist L Subramaniam and vocalist Sadhana Rao, an exploration of classical music. While 'Why we die' featuring Nobel laureate Venki Ramakrishnan in conversation with historian Manu Pillai, explored the profound topic of mortality, 'Parde ke Peechhey' (behind the stage), a fascinating session with Ila Arun, actress Anjula Bedi, and writer Ramya Vaashisht, delved into the world of Indian cinema and its evolving narratives.

While a wide array of books and novels kept book lovers captivated throughout the event, the children were not left behind. The 'Children, Literature, Fun (CLF)' programme offered over 75 exciting sessions, ensuring young attendees were equally engaged, ensuring young attendees were equally engaged. With a special focus on sustainability, CLF featured interactive sessions led by environmentalists, inspiring the next generation to connect with nature and think critically about the environment.

The second day of the festival will dive into thought-provoking topics like social change, patterns in Indian consumerism, and the rich heritage of Indian textiles. One of the key highlights will be a conversation between renowned singer MD Pallavi and acclaimed film director Girish Kasaravalli where he will discuss his book, 'Bimba Bimbana' in the session titled 'Frames of a Life.' Educator K Chinnappa Gowda will also take the stage to explore the oral epics of Tulu and the depth of indigenous culture, offering attendees a glimpse into traditional art forms.

Booklovers at the 13th edition of Bangalore Literature Festival at LaLit Ashok on Saturday; (Right) A child at the Children, Literature, Fun event | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

Arena Animation celebrates 25th anniv

Bengaluru: Arena Animation in Malleswaram celebrated its 25th anniversary, marking a milestone in its journey of excellence in education and innovation. The institute, a pioneer in the fields of animation, VFX, gaming, and multimedia in India, has played a significant role in shaping the careers of students. The event featured panel discussions, interactive sessions, and cutting-edge demonstrations, showcasing the institution state-of-the-art curriculum and future-ready infrastructure. This event underscored the institution's position as a leader in creative education, said BS Srinivas and Sukanya Srinivas Director and Centre Head.

Now, SWIFT City for startups in Sarjapura

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LARGE and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil said that innovative concepts are essential to attract investors. "If we don't take proactive steps, neighbouring states could gain an edge in securing investment opportunities. Our government is committed to staying ahead by ensuring investment inflows, employment generation, and economic growth," Patil said.

This comes months after the government launched Knowledge, Wellbeing, and Innovation (KWIN) City between Dobbaspete and Doddaballapur, roughly 60 km from Bengaluru.

To foster integrated industrial development in Karnataka, the State Government has decided to take forward an ambitious initiative to develop "SWIFT City" in Sarjapura, Bengaluru, to focus on Startups, Workspaces, Innovation, Finance, and Technology.

Over 1,000 acres will be reserved for the project in the Sarjapura Industrial Area. The proposed SWIFT City aims to become a startup hotspot, featuring 8-10 plug-and-play infrastructure facilities, each spanning 20-25 acres, read a statement from the minister's office.

"Despite the presence of thousands of companies in Bengaluru, many stakeholders have expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of well-planned workspaces. To address this, we will provide 150-m-wide connecting roads in Sarjapura and ensure world-class facilities, including residential clusters and schools," Patil added.

SWIFT City will offer offices, residential spaces, and co-working environments to support startups, creating a structured industrial network that fosters collaboration. Small and medium-sized startups will benefit from spaces ranging from 5,000 to 20,000 sq ft, available through lease, sale, or investment-sharing models. The city is hoped to become a leading hub for innovation in AI, data analytics, and fintech, the minister added.

Jamsetji Tata award for Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

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KIRAN Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson of Biocon Group, has been conferred the Jamsetji Tata award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ). The award recognises her remarkable contributions for pioneering the biosciences movement in India and serving patients in India and across the world, while leading Biocon to a preeminent global position.

Mazumdar-Shaw received the honour from Janak Kumar Mehta, president of ISQ and chairman and managing director of TQM international. The event was graced by B Muthuraman, former vice chairman of Tata Steel and Dr KN Subramanya, principal of RV college of engineering and president of ISQ's Bengaluru chapter.

Speaking at the event Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said, "I am deeply honoured and humbled to accept the 2024 Jamsetji Tata award instituted by ISQ. This award holds a very special meaning to me as it is named after one of India's greatest visionaries, a man whose legacy of excellence, innovation, and nation-building continues to inspire us all. Jamsetji Tata's commitment to quality and his belief in the transformative power of industry to serve society resonate deeply with my own journey. At Biocon, we are continuously striving to refine and enhance our activities and processes with the aim of assuring the highest quality of products and services. This award is a testament to the collective effort of an exceptional team of individuals at the Biocon Group who share my passion for excellence."

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* SOURCE : Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Report 2021, 2022; Karnataka State Police Report, 2023

Overspeeding is a punishable offence under **Section - 183** of **Motor Vehicle Act 1988**

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N. S. BOSERAJU'S VISION FOR KARNATAKA'S TECHNOLOGICAL AND GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT

Known for his commitment to both innovation and social justice, **N. S. Boseraju, Karnataka's Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science & Technology,** has been at the forefront of addressing pressing issues such as the sanction of AIIMS for Raichur by the Union government, fiscal injustice by the Union BJP government to Karnataka, misuse of central agencies for vendetta politics, sustainable management of groundwater resources, ensuring water security to farmers, the conservation of 40,000+ water bodies, and democratising access to science and technology. Minister Boseraju discusses the driving principles behind his policies and shares his vision for Karnataka's future with **Rajath R**.

Our Congress government is progressing steadfastly towards establishing a new benchmark through the Karnataka Model of Development, rooted in the values of justice, equality, and fraternity. We have fostered an ecosystem that champions inclusive growth while accelerating the state's economic progress. Alongside fulfilling our guarantee schemes as pledged, our government has emphasised infrastructure development, farmer support, irrigation expansion, hunger eradication, and job creation. Ensuring dignity in the lives of all Kannadigas remains our foremost priority.

In Science and Technology, what are some of the transformative projects you are overseeing?

N. S. Boseraju: Our department is focused on democratising access to science and technology by making it universally accessible. Even in advanced countries, science education is popularised in all segments of society, particularly the socially and economically backward, which has empowered them to think in a scientific spirit and progress. This is why I believe those countries are developing in every sphere of life. This model brings in social inclusion, where young minds will start contributing to national growth.

Inclusive scientific education also gives impetus to pro-scientific policymaking and initiates governmental support in many spheres of development. Projects like Providing Access to Telescope (PAT) to schools and expanding planetariums and science centres across Karnataka aim to inspire our youth is one of our flagship projects towards taking science closer to people "It is one of the project close to my heart".

The PAT project has also been appreciated by the top scientists of the ISRO. I want to make learning science easier for all and make the fruits of science available to all. It also has to be made Kannada Medium friendly by including more learning tools in the Kannada language, with the help of the unique STREAM labs and bilingual texts in science learning. We want science to permeate all levels of society and transform everyday lives, not remain confined to academic circles.

You've achieved notable success in revitalising Karnataka's water bodies through various minor irrigation projects. What motivated your focus on this initiative?

■Having seen the struggles for water in arid regions firsthand, this initiative is deeply personal. When Chief Minister Siddaramaiah entrusted me with the minor irrigation portfolio, I knew I had to prioritise effective water management. Our government has reactivated projects that had been stagnant for a decade, such as the KC Valley and Vrishabhavati Valley projects, to provide relief and stability to communities dependent on water for daily needs and agriculture. It's a model that is now being studied by neighbouring states, reflecting our commitment to making Karnataka a water-surplus state.

The water surplus situation is the ideal thing to achieve; the slogan should be 'Water is the future.' The conservation of water, prospecting for water, and finding new sources should be taken up through management-integrated plans and Technology Based Governance (TBG) in these realms on real time basis using space technology for mapping water bodies leading to policy-level initiatives. Community engagement was a prudent managerial tool for making a water surplus state.

Your newly implemented 'Boseraju Formula' has gained a lot of traction in both Karnataka and Telangana. Could you explain the concept behind it?

■The 'Boseraju Formula' originated from a fundamental belief in loyalty and unity within the party. During the Karnataka elections, we needed a strategy that could ensure cohesion and focus within our ranks, and that's exactly what this formula offered. It's about prioritising collective goals over individual ambitions, enabling candidates and party workers to come together for a shared cause. This approach has indeed played a significant role in strengthening our position in Karnataka and Telangana, where it has been adopted with great success.

Your party has won all three seats in recent by-elections. In Sandhur, you were fully responsible for the party's victory. What are the highlights of this campaign?

■From the beginning, we did not doubt the outstanding performance of our candidates, not only for their standing in politics but also for the steadfast pro-democracy stand of the Indian National Congress overall.

In the Sandhur constituency, I have led the party machinery, taking the philosophy of the Indian National Congress to every corner of the constituency.

The campaign was pitched between the divisive and communal designs of the BJP and the developmental-orientated, highly secular nature of the INC. Initially, it was a challenge, but as time passed, we were sure of the victory of our candidate, and the results were there for everybody to see.

It opened an era where the voters showed the caste politics and dynastic politics the doors; in Shiggavi and Chennapatna, the BJP and NDA candidates represented dynastic politics and were heavily weighed down by caste politics. This is an assertive indication that the spirit of the 2023 elections, where INC resounded success, continues.

Karnataka recently saw an ambitious budget from your administration, particularly focusing on welfare initiatives. How do you see these affecting the state's financial health?

■Our government's financial strategy is sound. We've implemented welfare programmes in healthcare, education, and job creation, which are essential for long-term prosperity.

Despite challenges, we have managed to execute all initiatives without straining our finances. Our opposition may attempt to sow doubt, but the reality is that we are committed to development without compromising fiscal responsibility.

Looking ahead, what are your primary goals for Karnataka?

■My primary goal is to see Karnataka recognised as a leader in sustainable development, tech innovation, and community welfare. water management buffered with water security, energy security, or equitable governance, Karnataka's progress remains my focus.

I am committed to a future where our resources and policies uplift all citizens, bringing Karnataka to new heights in every sphere.

Ever since you took over the charge of the science and technology and minor irrigation ministries, you have been nicknamed 'follow-up man' and 'groundwater guru' initially in your own circles, but in recent times these fond titles have come to be known widely. How did it all happen?

■Follow up I do assiduously; I have chaired nearly 260 meetings with officials and stakeholders of projects in science and technology and minor irrigation. This frequency has made the official machinery attend to the jobs they are assigned and come up with solutions in the follow-up meetings.

The 'follow-up culture' has worked wonders in government work, especially in my ministry and departments.

I am happy that the 'follow-up culture' has paid off handsomely; even the senior bureaucrats have agreed to the fact that the levels of efficiency have gone up in all spheres of work in the ministry and the department.

As per the title 'Groundwater Guru', I believe in one basic thing: 'There is no future without water. Prospecting for new sources, putting the available groundwater to optimum use, and conserving water sources that we already have are the three thumbnail standards.

To reshape cancer treatment in India, Aster DM Healthcare launched three innovative initiatives—Precision Oncology Clinics, Aster Cancer Grid, and Onco Collect—at the Aster Cancer Conclave 2024 on Saturday. Held under the theme PRI-SM: Precision in Solid Malignancies, the conclave focused on the transformative potential of precision medicine in improving cancer outcomes

BSY, SRIRAMULU, BOMMAI, Dr SUDHAKAR LIKELY TO FACE 'COVID-19 SCAM' HEAT

When PPE kits were available for ₹330-₹400/unit locally, 3L kits were bought for ₹ 2,117/ unit from China: HK Patil

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

BJP leaders BS Yediyurappa, B Sriramulu, Basavaraj Bommai & Dr K Sudhakar

WITH the Medical Education Department filing an FIR against many officials and private companies for their involvement in the alleged irregularities in procuring PPE kits, N95 masks and other medical equipment during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the then chief minister BS Yediyurappa and health minister B Sriramulu are likely to face trouble.

Besides Yediyurappa, his successor Basavaraj Bommai and Dr K Sudhakar, who was health minister then, may also face the heat, according to sources. The Congress government may soon set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by an IGP or ADGP rank officer to probe the alleged multi-crore scam. "As FIRs would be filed in different cases, it is better to set up the SIT to conduct a comprehensive probe into the alleged irregularities. There was a plan to do so as the cabinet had taken a decision (on November 14)," Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao told reporters on Saturday.

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Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil told reporters in Kalaburagi that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara will take a decision on the formation of SIT. "There is no political vendetta (against BJP leaders) in this regard as the government is only doing its job as people suffered a lot during the pandemic because of mismanagement," he said.

In New Delhi, former CM Jagadish Shettar termed the Congress government's move as vendetta politics. "Investigations into MUDA and ST Corporation scams had exposed the Congress government and Siddaramaiah was about to resign as CM. To target BJP, the Congress government got the FIR filed in the alleged irregularities in procurement of medical kits during the pandemic. This, however, will not stand legal scrutiny as action has been taken based on the interim report of Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission," he said.

The D'Cunha commission, which probed the alleged irregularities, especially procurement of three lakh PPE kits from China, recommended prosecution of Yediyurappa and Sriramulu. The report stated that the state's exchequer incurred a loss of Rs 167 crore because of the alleged irregularities. On November 14, the Siddaramaiah cabinet decided to set up the SIT, besides a seven-member cabinet sub-committee headed by Shivakumar to look into the matter.

"When PPE kits were available for Rs 330 to Rs 400 per unit locally, three lakh of them were bought for Rs 2,117 per unit from China," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil had stated, citing the commission's report.

Shivakumar, who held a meeting with Dr Sharan Prakash Patil and other members of the committee on December 7, had said that those involved in the alleged irregularities in procurement of medical kits during the pandemic will not be spared. He had also stated that criminal proceedings will be initiated against the accused.

CM sets Cong on a collision course with Lingayats?

WITTINGLY or unwittingly, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has set the Congress on a collision course with the Lingayat community in Karnataka. The Government's brash handling of the Panchamsali Lingayats' agitation and the community seer's call for intensifying the movement indicates that it could cause more bad blood.

The Panchamsali, a numerically strong sub-sect in the Lingayat community, is in the 3B OBC category with a 5 % reservation in education and employment. They are demanding inclusion into the 2A category which would give them access to 15 % reservation. Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami, head of Kudalasangama Panchamsali Peeta, is heading the movement.

Images of protesters bleeding after being caned by the police, who stopped them from entering the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha premises in Belagavi earlier this week, could haunt the Congress for a long time. As things stand now, it seems highly unlikely that there will be any drastic change in the way its leadership is handling the sensitive issue.

Indicating the government's stand on the issue, the CM termed the demand unconstitutional. Home Minister G Parameshwara defended the lathi charge and rejected the demand for a probe and action against police officials. The administration accused the protesters of pelting stones leaving many policemen injured.

The issue rocked the ongoing winter session of the state legislature in Belagavi. Members from the Opposition and ruling parties engaged in heated exchanges over the administration's handling of the protest. Congress may have matched or even outdid the BJP during their heated exchanges in the assembly, but its problem is way beyond that.

Failure to deftly handle the agitation and the hardline stance subsequently could pit the community against the party. Much of that could have been averted had those in power anticipated the situation and made enough efforts to defuse it before it took a violent turn leaving many protestors and policemen injured. It is obvious that they either failed to read the situation or handle it delicately.

The government may have limitations and reasons for not making any commitment to considering the Panchamsalis' demand. Also, the challenge is to do justice to one community without causing injustice to others.

Members of the Karnataka State Backward Castes Federation have urged the CM not to consider the Panchamsali community request as it would undermine those communities in the 2A category of reservation benefits. The Federation even warned the CM of launching statewide agitation if the government considers Panchamsalis' demand.

Congress lawmakers from the Lingayat community seem concerned over the stand taken by the government and the community leaders. Senior Congress leader and legislator Laxman Savadi's impassioned call for MLAs from ruling and opposition parties to work together to resolve the issue showed their predicament.

Savadi, a former Deputy Chief Minister in the BJP government, who joined Congress before the 2023 assembly polls said that all of them including the CM are in favour of providing reservation for the community. He suggests that they should work together to explore the possibility of finding a way to utilize a certain percentage from the 10 % quota for the Economically Weaker Section [EWS]. The senior Congress leader even apologized, on behalf of the government, for the unsavory developments.

Savadi comes from the Lingayat-dominated North Karnataka region and is keen on sending a message that they are not against the community's demand. However, the firm stand taken by the CM and the police action seem to be putting leaders like Savadi in a tight spot.

The Congress has been making efforts to woo the Lingayat community and it would be wary of antagonizing them. In the 1989 elections, the Congress won 178 out of 224 seats, but after Veerandra Patil's uncermonious removal from the CM's post in 1990, the party suffered a humiliating defeat in 1994, winning only 34 seats.

Any misstep in handling the Panchamsali agitation could be a setback for Congress's efforts to win back the community's full support. The only respite for the party is that there are no major elections now. It may not be a significant issue in the upcoming local body elections, as they are mostly fought on local issues and candidates' direct rapport with voters.

But, if the movement is sustained, it could have an impact on Congress. The community is firm on continuing the agitation till its demands are fulfilled. The Panchamsali seer is demanding the CM to apologize to the Lingayat community and take action against the police officials.

The seer claims that before the assembly polls Siddaramaiah, through his followers, assured them of considering their demands but had changed tack after coming to power. "Our agitation will continue till we have a CM who will consider our demands," the seer declared, making it clear that the community is in no mood to budge.

Order CBI probe into allegations against K'taka BJP netas, CM tells PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to break his silence on the alleged corruption charges against BJP leaders in Karnataka and order a CBI inquiry into the allegations. The people of Karnataka deserve answers, not cover-ups, the CM said. State BJP president BY Vijayendra said that out of desperation, Siddaramaiah is making baseless allegations.

"Anwar Manippady, the former Minority Commission chairman under the BJP government, has exposed that Vijayendra tried to bribe him with Rs 150 crore to suppress investigations into Waqf property encroachments. Anwar Manippady has directly written to PM Narendra Modi about this corruption!" the CM stated in a release.

Siddaramaiah said that Manippady had publicly stated that Vijayendra visited his house during Yediyurappa's tenure as CM and offered Rs 150 crore. Manippady had stated that he had reported this incident to PM Modi and the BJP president, the CM alleged.

"What happened to Modi's grand na khaunga, na khane doonga promise? His silence on this explosive allegation raises suspicions and several questions. Why is the BJP leadership shielding Vijayendra and others involved in the Waqf property loot?" the CM questioned.

Siddaramaiah said the allegations and Vijayendra's rising role in BJP despite serious charges, it is evident that Karnataka has become the BJP's ATM.

"From Covid-19 procurement scams to Waqf property looting, skeletons are tumbling out of the BJP's closet in Karnataka. Instead of answering these allegations, BJP is resorting to baseless accusations against our leaders to divert attention," the CM added.

However, responding to the CM's statement, Manippady said he had never said Vijayendra offered him money. "Congress people had offered me money. If Siddaramaiah is so truthful, let him order a CBI probe into my report, everything will come out," he said.

Vijayendra hits back

Vijayendra hits back at the Chief Minister questioning what morality he has to demand a CBI probe into someone else when he faced humiliation from the HC verdict.

"You and your government are being accused of corruption, in many cases including the Maharishi Valmiki Development Corporation scam and MUDA scam. You are abusing your power as Chief Minister to get a clean chit in the Lokayukta investigation conducted by your subordinates," the BJP leader said.

He said the Chief Minister will not achieve anything by his false propaganda against him and a series of evidences against the CM are coming out. "You are the only CM of Karnataka who has tarnished the dignity and respect of the CM's post," he said.

The BJP leader said the Anwar Manippady report is about the Waqf properties occupied by the Congress leaders, not the BJP and why will he offer money? "The way you and your cabinet minister Priyank Kharge are celebrating this baseless accusation shows your childishness, not your political acumen. If you have the courage, let's see if you can allow the CBI investigation into the MUDA scam against you without raising any objections to the writ petition filed in the High Court seeking a CBI investigation," the BJP leader said.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar and other Congress functionaries at a preliminary meeting to discuss preparations for the centenary celebrations of the 1924 Belagavi Congress session, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

DKS sounds '28 poll bugle, asks Cong workers to start campaign from B'gavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru, Belagavi

DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Saturday said that the December 26 Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting and December 27 rally will write a foreword for the 2028 Assembly polls for the Grand Old Party to return to power again.

He was speaking to the media after holding a preliminary meeting to mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi presiding over the Congress session held in Belagavi in 1924. "The Congressmen have an opportunity to celebrate this proud moment, and all of you must make use of it," he told the party functionaries.

Drawing a parallel, Shivakumar claimed that after he took over as the state party chief, he started the Praja Dhwani Yatre from the same place that Mahatma Gandhi assumed charge as the Congress president. "We launched Gruha Jyothi after cleaning the roads from the waters of the Gandhi well. We are celebrating this august moment under the leadership of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge. We need to write the foreword for a new chapter in 2028 in this convention," Shivakumar said.

> **We will hold the Congress Working Committee meeting on December 26 at the same place where Gandhi took the oath as the AICC President in Belagavi**
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> DK Shivakumar, DyCM & KPCC president

He called upon party workers to construct at least 100 Congress offices in the state.

He pointed out that the programme will be held under the auspices of the party and the government as a committee comprising 60 people, including Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil, former union minister M Veerappa Moily, former MLC B L Shankar among others to finalise the modalities.

"We will hold the Congress Working Committee meeting on December 26 at the same place where Gandhi took the oath as the AICC President in Belagavi. Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, all members of CWC, presidents of all PCCs, CLP leaders, and 150 MPs and AICC General Secretaries will participate," Shivakumar said.

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi will be unveiled to mark the occasion. CM Siddaramaiah will host a dinner for the dignitaries in the evening.

Shivakumar clarified that no transport or accommodation facility has been made for the party workers. The winners and the defeated candidates in the panchayat elections, appointees to boards and corporations, committee members, and corporation members must come on their own, he suggested.

"We are illuminating Belagavi city at a cost of Rs 8 crore on the same lines as Mysuru during Dasara. It will be a historic moment. We are organising awareness programmes for party workers in the Kittur Karnataka region regarding the convention. The people in charge must bring a minimum of 5,000 people from each assembly constituency in this region and make this event a grand success," the state Congress chief said.

CM insulted Panchamasali Lingayats by calling quota fight unconstitutional, says seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

BASAVA Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami of Kudalasangama has said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has insulted the Panchamasali Lingayats by calling their agitation for reservation under the 2A category unconstitutional.

The seer demanded that the Chief Minister withdraw his statement and apologise.

"We had some respect for Siddaramaiah as he praises Basavanna and Dr BR Ambedkar. But, he has been proving us wrong for the last two years by trying to suppress our demand. If our fight is unconstitutional, then suspend those cabinet ministers who participated in our fight. If you (Siddaramaiah) do not want to give us a reservation, make your stand clear. We will find a different path to get justice. We will go to the people," the seer added.

The seer said that by calling their agitation unconstitutional, the Chief Minister has insulted Basvanna by insulting the community members.

"This statement of Siddaramaiah as the Chief Minister is unconstitutional. He must apologise," he said.

The seer further added that their agitation will continue, and from now on, it will be called 'Lingayat Panchamsali Misalati Kranti Horata'.

"Lingayats have read the Constitution and are doing their service as per it. When we started the fight for reservation in 2020, Congress leaders had supported us. will not suit Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is also a law scholar," he added.

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> Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami of Kudalasangama

'Seer behaving like BJP agent'

MYSURU: Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum president K S Shivaramu slammed Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swamiji of Kudalasangama and the Panchamasalis for holding protests demanding 2A reservation. "If Panchamasalis puts their hands on our plate (2A category) to snatch our food (reservation), we will cut off those hands," he warned. Shivaramu said Panchamasali community should not be included in category 2A. Shivaramu said, "The seer is acting like a BJP agent. He has taken bribes to bring down Siddaramaiah government." **ENS**

A 42-year-old construction worker died and his friend suffered injuries after they fell from the seventh floor of an under-construction building in the Tilak Nagar police station limits on Saturday. The deceased is Sharanappa, a native of Kalaburagi, and the injured is Chandrappa. The police said the duo was working on the seventh floor standing on wooden planks supported by ropes. The planks collapsed, causing them to fall

Atul's estranged wife, her family seek anticipatory bail

He was broken from inside, says techie's father; His allegations are baseless: Accused

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

TECHIE'S SUICIDE

THE wife of Bengaluru-based techie **Atul Subhash** (34), who had ended his life on Monday, has filed for anticipatory bail along with three of her family members in Allahabad High Court on Friday in connection with the FIR registered against them on charges of abetment of suicide.

Subhash had allegedly committed suicide, alleging harassment by his wife, Nikita Singhania, and her family members, who he claimed had filed a series of cases of marital discord against him.

The techie, before ending his life, left behind a 'Justice is Due' placard stuck to his chest, a 24-page suicide note, and also a video clip of over an hour accusing his wife Nikita, her mother Nisha, her brother Anurag, and her uncle Sushil Singhania of subjecting him to harassment during the ongoing litigation over divorce, alimony, and child custody in Jaunpur family court in Uttar Pradesh.

The FIR was lodged by the Marathahalli police on the basis of the complaint lodged by Atul's brother Bikas Kumar against Nikita and her family.

The anticipatory bail pleas may come up for hearing later next week.

Meanwhile, a four-member Bengaluru police team travelled to Jaunpur on Thursday to serve summons at the Singhania residence. "The summon read: Nikita Singhania to appear before the investigating officer at Marathahalli police station, Bengaluru, within three days for interrogation regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband, Atul Subhash," Circle Officer Ayush Srivastava said.

However, the police team found the family's home locked, and neighbours indicated the family had fled the locality on Wednesday midnight.

According to Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda two teams have been formed to trace the family.

Meanwhile, Atul's father, Pawan Kumar, who lives in Samastipur in Bihar, recounted that Atul said to him that those in the mediation court did not work as per law, not even as per the rules of the Supreme Court. "She (Nikita) used to frame one charge after another," said the distraught father while talking to media persons.

The constant legal pressure deeply affected his son, claimed Pawan Kumar. "He was broken from inside, though he didn't tell anyone anything," he said.

Nikita's uncle dismisses charges

Dismissing the allegations, Nikita's uncle Sushil Singhania said, "Subhash's allegations are baseless. Nikita is not here. Once she returns, she will respond to everything. She has an answer to every allegation they have made. I live separately. I am her uncle, but I don't have much information about the case."

SIFF CALLS FOR JUDICIAL REFORMS TO EASE MEN'S MARITAL PROBLEMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO address the rising distress among men involved in marital disputes, the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), a men's rights group called for urgent reforms in India's judicial system on Saturday.

The organisation highlighted the recent suicide of AI expert Atul Subhash, and the ongoing struggles of Srinivas, a resident of Bengaluru, suffering from schizophrenia, as strong examples of systemic insensitivity. Both of their cases and struggles highlight the weaponisation of judicial systems in marital conflicts, leading to unfair treatment and financial distress among men, SIFF said.

They submitted nine demands to be implemented by the judicial system and lawmakers, some of which include replacing the term 'maintenance' with spousal support or assistance. They urged that spousal support should be for only a limited period and that men should pay for child support until the child is a major or till he/she becomes independent. They also demanded that the spouse should not be allowed to file cases in multiple courts in different cities and all cases — civil or criminal between spouses have to be decided in the same court. They proposed rejecting spousal support requests if women have stable incomes or jobs.

Procedural reforms include enabling remote hearings through video conferencing, particularly for litigants living over 300 km away, to ease delays and legal burdens.

SIFF demands the protection of men's workplace rights by stopping police interference or passport impounding, which can harm their livelihoods. Additionally, they emphasise changes to prevent the misuse of IPC 498A and related laws to stop false cases and harassment.

They demanded the Centre to constitute a Parliamentary Enquiry Committee to probe situations and insensitivities in the Judicial Ecosystem that drive men to end their lives. SIFF urged the government to investigate judicial insensitivity and rising male suicides, calling for action within six months.

Constable ends life, blames wife, her father for harassment in note

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 33-year-old police constable attached to Hulimavu police station died by suicide, after jumping in front of a moving train in Byappanahalli Railway police station limits on Friday. The incident took place at around 11.30 pm near the Huskur railway gate. The police found a death note left behind by the victim, thus leading them to suspect it to be a suicide. The deceased **Tippanna Alugur** is a native of Vijayapura and resided at Naganathapura in Parappana Agrahara. Alugur, in his death note accused his wife Parvathi and father-in-law Yamunappa of harassment.

The railway police have registered a case of abatement of suicide against the two suspects under section 108 of BNS and have called the suspects to appear before the investigation officer.

Sources said Alugur had married Parvathi four years ago but did not have any children. He had a strained relationship with his wife due to reasons that are yet to be probed. Yamunappa, his father-in-law, had approached the counselling wing of the city police to mediate but the couple who had decided to live together, ended up living separately again. Besides, there were rumours that Alugur had affair with another woman. During the counselling, he had submitted a medical report claiming that he is unable to father children but when asked to get tested, he backed out.

Alugur stated in the death note that his father-in-law had threatened him on Thursday morning, asking him to die if his daughter had to live peacefully. However, Yamunappa ismissed the allegation and said he wanted Alugur and his daughter to live peacefully and was trying his best to unite them. "When Alugur and my daughter were taken for counselling, he showed a medical certificate, saying he cannot become a father. Since we had doubts about the medical certificate, we wanted him to undergo another test but he was not interested. I had heard rumours about Alugur being with another woman but I never saw him with anyone," Yamunappa said.

HELPLINE

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or call the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

READY, SET, GO!

Participants at the 18th Bengaluru Walkathon at Jayanagar in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

MAN BEGS INSIDE METRO COACH, VIDEO GOES VIRAL

BENGALURU: A video of a man begging inside a Metro train was widely shared on social media, prompting authorities to initiate an investigation. In the viral video, a differently-abled man, wearing a skull cap is seen going from one passenger to another, begging for alms, inside the train. One of the passengers recorded the video and shared it on social media. While there is no official confirmation about the date and time of the incident, it is said to have occurred on Saturday. Metro officials have taken up an investigation. This is the second such incident in the last three years. BMRCL had previously fined individuals for similar acts. ENS

250 FLATS SOLD IN ONE DAY AT BDA's FLAT MELA

BENGALURU: The day-long 'Flat Mela' by BDA near its Kanminike housing project turned out to be a big hit with 250 flats booked on Saturday. Around 600 people participated in the mela and a total of 125 2BHK and 50 3BHK flats in Kanminike and 25 2BHK flats in Thippasandra were sold today. Finance member A Lokesha told *TNSE*, "Our mela turned out to be excellent. BDA collected Rs 5 crore revenue through the initial deposit made at the time of booking the flat (12.5% of the total cost). Spot allotment letters were given to 200 while 50 more who had brought cheques were asked to make online payment. Their flats will be handed over soon." A total of 1,369 flats have been put up for sale.The 2BHK flats are priced between Rs 25 lakh and Rs 30 lakh while the 3BHK flats are priced between Rs 40 lakh and Rs 64 lakh. ENS

MAN JUMPS TO DEATH FROM 16th FLOOR

BENGALURU: A 34-year-old man ended his life by jumping from the 16th floor of an apartment. The incident occurred at the RMZ Galleria apartment in Yelahanka police station limits at around 7.30 am on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Ravi Kumar, a native of Bihar. Sources said that Kumar had come to the apartment to meet his relatives staying on the 16th floor. However, as the relatives were out of town and the house was locked, Kumar later ended his life. The police have registered a case of unnatural death and are awaiting the arrival of family members to investigate and ascertain the reason behind his death, the police said. Further investigations are on. ENS

Foresters allay fears over leopard sighting

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE many of those living in the vicinity of Turahalli forest are worried about the frequent sighting of a leopard, some are delighted by its presence there.

Pictures of the leopard clicked by some wildlife lovers from the balconies of their houses have gone viral. Those worried about the leopard's presence close to their localities have called for capturing the big cat by placing cages in the forest. "People approached us. But it is not needed as the animal is inside its habitat and there is nothing to panic. A close watch is being kept on the leopard's movement," S Sivasankar, Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban, told TNSE.

A team from the Leopard Task Force is keeping a close watch on the leopard. Forest officials have held discussions on installing camera traps to ascertain if there are more leopards in the Turahalli forest spread over 597 acres.

Residents living close to the forest saw the leopard sitting on a boulder inside the forest for the first time on November 26. Many clicked pictures and recorded its video from the balconies of their houses and apartment complexes. After this, the number of its sightings increased with people waiting in groups outside the forest to catch a glimpse of the wild cat.

After the first sighting, the forest officials stopped the entry of devotees to a temple inside the forest. Boards cautioning people about the presence of the leopard have been displayed around the forest. People have been warned against venturing into the forest and going for morning and evening walks there.

"It's scary to know that there is a leopard in our neighbourhood. Leopards entering localities and apartments on the outskirts of Bengaluru is not new. It should be captured soon," said L Rao, a local resident.

"There is nothing to worry about. This leopard is inside its habitat and its sighting indicates there is a healthy prey base there," said N Ravindra Kumar, deputy conservator of forests, Bengaluru Urban.

The Turahalli forest is off Kanakapura Road, just one km from BM Kaval reserve forest and 2 km from UM Kaval reserve forest. In 2021, the government proposed to convert the Turahalli forest into a tree park. The proposal was dropped in view of stiff opposition from wildlife conservationists and locals.

The forest is now home to wild boars, spotted deer and other small herbivores and avian species.

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Appendix – IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction 30 days Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers that the below described immovable property, mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken on **07.05.2024** by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 67,00,181/-** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs One Hundred and Eighty One Only) as on 12.12.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 13.12.2024 with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **Mr. Ahamed Shafeeq.** The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	Rs.46,50,000/-	Rs.4,65,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 30.01.2025	On or before 29.01.2025 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2024-25/61

Title deed holders: Mr. Ahmed Shafeeq M

Absolute Sale Deed No.ANK-1-02251-2022-23, CD No.ANKD1311 dated 09.06.2022 at SRO: Anekal.
Rectification Deed No.ANK-1-02881-2022-23, CD No.ANKD1325 dated 28.06.2022 at SRO: Anekal.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : (Description of the property Conveyed to the PURCHASER/S under this agreement)

ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of converted land measuring 0-09.04 guntas bearing survey no. 12/2 situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. **East by:** Remaining portion of same Sy.No. 12/2, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 13, **North by:**Chikkanagamangala to Huskur Govt. Road and **South by**: Land bearing Sy.No. 21/1.

ITEM NO.2 : All that piece and parcel of converted land measuring 3 acre 6 ¾ guntas bearing survey no. 21/1 situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and the land has been converted for residential purpose vide official memorandum bearing no. ALN(A.S.H)S.R.54/13-14, dated 19.08.2013, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore. **East by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 21/2, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 14, **North by**: Remaining landbearing Sy.No. 21/1 and **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No.20.

SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the undivided Share conveyed to the PURCHASER/S under this agreement): Undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property, which works out **556 Sq.ft.**

SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY : (Description of the Apartment Conveyed to the PURCHASER/S under this agreement): All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No. 002, "B"** Type, Block **'B'** in **Ground** floor of **MJ 'LIFESTYLE' ASTRO** Apartments constructed on the Schedule 'A' property having **2** Bed rooms with 2 Toilets and super Built area of **972 Sq.ft** and Carpet area of **739 Sq. ft.** with one reserved covered car parking area in the basement floor, Khata No. 150200100500622259, standing in the name of Mr. Ahamed Shafeeq, S/o. Kunhimoideen Kutty Haji M.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance on above property For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e..,**www.sbi.co.in** and website maintained by **PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, https://baanknet.com**

Date: 12.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre-II, KORAMANGALA
No.12, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034,
Tel:080-25943803, Fax:080-25943805, Email: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. Name of the Borrower : Sri Vishal Ganesh Sarag, S/o. Ganesh Sarag & Smt. Pranita Vishal Sarag, W/o. Vishal Sarag,
Demand Notice date :17.09.2024 **Account No: 40278832354**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.37,71,357/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) as on 17.09.2024 & interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 10.12.2024
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.38,46,380/- (RupeesThirty EightLakhs Forty SixThousand Three Hundred Eighty only) as on 02.12.2024 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed Regd. Doc. No. BSK-1-02417-2021-22 C. D. No. BSKD1082 dated: 08.07.2021 at SRO: Basavangudi (Banashankari) Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, **West by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Private property, **West by**: Portion of the property gifted to Sarawathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Un-divided share sold under this Deed): **359** Sq. ft undivided share, right, title and interest of land in the total land of Item No. 1 and 2 of Schedule 'A' property referred to above.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Subject matter of this Sale Deed) : All thepiece and parcel of Flat bearing No. T-09 **bearing CMC HebbagodiKhatha No. 12/1, 13/1, TF//T-09 Sl. No. 9284 (within Ward 26 of CMC-Hebbagodi)** in **Third Floor** constructed over the Schedule 'A' property contains 2 Bed Rooms, one with attached bath, Kitchen cum Dinning a common bath cum toilet, Living room with one car parking space and the super built are measuring 1150 Sq. ft of the Apartment known as **"KRITAN IRIS"** together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in Schedule 'B' property referred to above, along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use and schedule 'C' Flat is bounded by: - **East by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor, **West by**: Flat No. T-10, **North by**: Flat No. T-03 and **South by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor. Standin in the joint names Sri Vishal Ganesh Sarag & Smt. Pranita Vishal Sarag.

2. Name of the Borrowers : Sri. V. Damothiran, S/o. Abbulunaidu Venkatesan,
Demand Notice date : 17.09.2024 **Account No: 35810707349**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs. 29,11,655/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Five Only) as on 17.09.2024 and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date :10.12.2024
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.28,74,663/-(RupeesTwenty EightLakhs Seventy FourThousand Six Hundred Sixty Three only) as on 02.12.2024and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed Regd. Doc. No. BSG-1-01465-2016-17 C.D. No. BSGD294 dated 09.06.2016 at SRO: Basavangudi, Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of portion of immovable property bearing converted Sy. No. 49, E-Khata No. 288/49 and Property ID No. 150200100100200338, measuring 1 Acres and 12 Guntas (equivalent to 56,628 sft), (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. A.L.N:(A) (S) SR/379/2011-12, Dated: 13.04.2012), situated at Chambenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded by: **On the East**: Kaluve, **On the West**: Land in Re-Survey No. 129, **On the North**: Land in Re-Survey No. 46 and **On the South by**: Land in Re-Survey No. 51/4.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY- Flat : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being residential flat bearing Flat No. G-15 on the Ground Floor (B-Block), E-Khata No. 751/G-15, PID No. 150200100100220331, with a Super built-up area of 1235 sft (114.74 Sq. Meters) and undivided share of 710 sft constructed on schedule 'A' property, consisting of a Hall cum dining, Two bedrooms, two bathrooms cum toilets, kitchen and balcony along with prorata common areas and facilities attributable thereto and a covered car parking lot in the stilt floor in the building known as **"PSR ASTER",** in terms of sanctioned plan bearing No. LAO/16/2012-13, dated 23-8-2012 and CC/628/2012-13, with separate electricity meter, common electric meter for common lighting, Bore-well, Lift etc. The Flat is of RCC roofing with Vitrified flooring and bounded by: **On the East**: Flat No. G-14, **On the West**: Flat No. G-16, **On the North**: Vacant Land and **On the South by**: 'A' Block. Standing in the name **Sri. V. Damothiran,** S/o. Abbulunaidu Venkatesan.

The above mentioend borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon.
The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date :10.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India, RACPC-II, Koramangala, Bengaluru

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e- AUCTION SALE DURING JANUARY, 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP
SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **JANUARY 2025** as per program given below:

1st Round	2nd Round	Depot / Division	Depot/Divn. officer in Charge	Contact No.
02/01/2025	17/01/2025	Pratapnagar	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Pratapnagar	0265-2658858 09724045550
06/01/2025	27/01/2025	Mahalaxmi	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
06/01/2025	27/01/2025	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-PARDI	022-24929571 09004495750
06/01/2025	21/01/2025	Vadodara	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
07/01/2025	22/01/2025	Ratlam	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ratlam	07412230080 09752492750
08/01/2025	23/01/2025	Bhavnagar Para	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Bhavnagar Para	02782444360 09724097750
08/01/2025	24/01/2025	Mumbai Central	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
09/01/2025	27/01/2025	Ahmedabad	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
09/01/2025	28/01/2025	Rajkot	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Rajkot	02812476943 09724094770
10/01/2025	28/01/2025	Dahod	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
10/01/2025	24/01/2025	Sabarmati	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093774

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. **Note: 1.** Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2.** e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3.** e-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal. **4.** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5.** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.

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NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Hi-Tech Agriculture Finance Branch, Bengaluru, Karnataka** (hereinafter referred to as "the Secured Creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8 (6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **27.12.2023,** to the borrower **Sri. Sriramaiah** S/o Shivappa, **Gurantors 1.Smt. Kalavathi** W/o Sriramaiah, **2.Sri. Umakanth K S.** S/o Sriramaiah, **3.Sri. Punith Kumar K** S/o Sriramaiah, all are residing at: #54, Muthyalapete, Siddeshwara Nilaya, Mulbagilu Town, Kolar District 563131. **(Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor),** the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned Names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 25,68,363/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Three hundred Sixty Three Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **14.03.2024.** Further, the said Symbolic/ Physical possession notice was duly published in **The Indian Express and Samyuktha Karnataka** newspapers in **Kolar** on **16.04.2024.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs. 25,68,363/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Three hundred Sixty Three Only) as on **14.03.2024,** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

REGIONAL OFFICE SOUTH BENGALURU

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis **31.12.2024 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of below mentioned amount. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl No.	1.Name of the borrower 2.Name of the Branch	Description of the Property	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Contact Person
1	**1.Mr. Ashit B Kurbet 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** Bangalore email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Flat beraing No. 106, 1st Floor, " NEHA SADAN" apartment, located in property beraing Site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Ward No. 171, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068.	**Rs. 72,54,614.77** (Seventy Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Rupees & Seventy Seven Paisa Only) plus further interest from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 44.68 Lacs Rs.4.468 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Azad Kumar Boipai, Chief Manager, Ph : 9661505035-080-26592667**
2	**1.Mr. Ashit B Kurbet 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** Bangalore email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Flat beraing No. 303, 1st Floor, " NEHA SADAN" apartment, located in proeprty beraing Site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068.	**Rs.84,65,983.15** (Eighty Four Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Rupees and Fifteen Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.46.47 Lacs Rs.4.647 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
3	**1.Mr. Mallesh Kumar. 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** Bangalore email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Flat No. 102, at 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" Apartment located in Property bearing Site No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/ 254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068	**Rs. 84,41,393.24 (**Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Forty one Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three and Twenty Four Paisa) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 55.46 Lacs Rs.5.546 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
4	**1.Mr. Prashanth Gowda 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** Bangalore email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Residential Flat situated at Flat No. 107, (2 BHK), 1st Floor, facing West " NEHA SADAN" Apartment, Site No. 11, 11th main Road, AECS Layout, 'A' Block, Singasandra Village, Bangalore - 560 068.	**Rs. 80,52,387.87**(Rupees Eighty Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven and Eighty Seven Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 36.10 Lacs Rs.3.61 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
5	**1.Mr. Umesh Gowda. 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** Bangalore email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Apartment bearing Flat No. 205, at 2nd Floor, of the building known as "NEHA SADAN" located in Site bearing No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068.	**Rs. 76,89,216.86** (Rupees Seventy Six lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Two hundred Sixteen and Paise Eighty Six Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 43.23 Lacs Rs.4.323 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
6	**1.Mr. Sakthivel Natarajan. 2.Branch : Padmanabhanagar - II** #.3, Puttalingaiah Road, Opp.D G Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-70 email:cb010676@canarabank.com	1. Apartment bearing Flat No. C-04, Ground Floor, C Block, "KINGS SQUARE" *Apartment* located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560035*East :* Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79. 2. Apartment bearing Flat No. B-04, Ground Floor, B Block, "KINGS SQUARE" *Apartment* located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560035*East :* Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79.	**Rs. 86,12,451.47** (Rupees Eighty Six lakhs Twelve thousand Four hundred Fifty One and Paise Forty seven Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 39.43 Lacs Rs.3.943 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs** **Rs. 39.43 Lacs Rs.3.943 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Kavalakuntla Prasanna Manager, Ph :8317603904-080-26691826**
7	**1.Mr. Arifulla 2.Branch : Padmanabhanagar - II** #.3, Puttalingaiah Road, Opp.D G Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-70 email:cb010676@canarabank.com	Apartment bearing Flat No. G-02, Ground Floor, B Block, "Astoria Park" *Apartment* located in Property bearing Sy. No. 135, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560100,*East :* Land No. Sy. No. 44 & 45,West : Road,North : Road,South : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 136	**Rs. 58,18,251.33** (Rupees Fifty Eight lakhs Eighteen thousand two hundred Fifty One and Paise twenty two Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 50.85 Lacs Rs.5.085 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
8	**1.Mr. Sarvanan V. 2.Branch : Padmanabhanagar - II** #.3, Puttalingaiah Road, Opp.D G Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-70 email:cb010676@canarabank.com	Apartment bearing Flat No.202, Second Floor, C Block, "Astoria Park" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy.No.135, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District - 560100.*East :* Land No. Sy. No. 44 & 45,West : Road, North : Road, South : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 136	**Rs. 72,21,936.50** (Rupees Seventy two lakhs Twenty one thousand nine hundred thirty six and Paise Forty Five Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 59.63 Lacs Rs.5.963 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
9	**1.Mr. Balaji N 2.Branch : Devagiri BSK II** 507, 9th Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070 Email: cb10478@canarabank.com	Apartment bearing Flat No. 406, Forth Floor, D Block, "Roshan Platinum" *Apartment* located in Property bearing No. 1337, Sy. No. 83/1 & 83/2, Situated at Arekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560076, *East :* Flat No. 407,West : Flat No.406, North : Entrance/ Corridor South : Open to sky.	**Rs. 1,39,44,940.44/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine lakhs Forty Four thousand nine hundred Forty and Paise Forty Four Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.125.35 Lacs Rs.12.535 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Santosh T. P. Senior Manager, Ph :9739461441-080-26715520**
10	**1.Mr. Srikanth Maganti. 2.Branch : Devagiri BSK II** 507, 9th Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070 Email: cb10478@canarabank.com	Apartment bearing Flat No. 709, Seventh Floor, D Block, "Roshan Platinum" *Apartment* located in Property bearing No. 1337, Sy. No. 83/1 & 83/2, Situated at Arekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560076,*East :* Residential Flat., flat no. not mentioned,West : Open to sky North : Open to sky,South : Entrance/ corridor	**Rs. 1,21,60,286.39/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty One lakhs Sixty thousand Two hundred Eighty Six and Paise Thirty Nine Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.114.00 Lacs Rs.11.40 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	
11	**1.Mr. Balakrishna H. 2.Branch : Gavipuram Extension Branch,** 31 Basappa Layout Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru – 560 019 Email: cb10439@canarabank.com	Flat No. 204, Second Floor, "Srinidhi Enclave", Site Nos. 139 & 140, Sy. No. 157/2, at Kannurahalli Village, Nisarga Hi Tech Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Main Road, Hoskote – 562 114	**Rs. 76,43,543.00**(Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Three Only)plus further interest thereon from 01.11.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.28.00 Lacs Rs.2.80Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Kumar Santosh Chief Manager, Ph 7541078535 080-26610930**
12	**1.M/s Banashankari Institute 2.Branch : Banashankari 3rd stage Branch,** #34,1st Main,3rd Phase, 4th Block, Banashankari 3rd stage Bengaluru-560085 Email: cb2513@canarabank.com	**1.**All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site No 55 and 55/A, situated at T Block , in the layout formed by the Bhavani Housing Co operative Society Limited Kathriguppe, BSK 3rd stage Bangalore-560085 measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 48 feet totally measuring to an extent of 2400 sq feet with a building thereon and bounded by : East by : Road, West by : BDA Land, North by : Site No 54, South by : Site No 56. **2.**All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site No 53 and 54 situated at T Block , in the layout formed by the Bhavani Housing Co operative Society Limited Kathriguppe, BSK 3rd stage Bangalore-560085 within the jurisdiction of Ward No 56, having BBMP PID No 56-239-53,54 ,measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 57.5 feet totally measuring to an extent of 2875 sq feet with a building thereon and bounded by : East by : Road, West by : BDA Property, North by : Site No 49, South by : Site No 55.	**Rs. 8,46,54,947.84** (Rupees Eight crores Forty Six lakhs Fifty Four thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven and Eighty Four Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.10.2024 and other expenses	**31.12.2024 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.775.00 Lacs Rs.77.50 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mrs. S Surya Latha Chief Manager, Ph 9177228020, 080-9483522513**

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Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has announced elaborate arrangements for Vaikunta Dwara Darshan at Tirumala Temple from January 10 to 19, 2025, to mark Vaikuntha Ekadasi

AFTER NIGHT IN JAIL, ACTOR ALLU ARJUN GETS INTERIM BAIL FOR 4 WEEKS

Will take legal action against officials of the prison department for the delay in releasing him despite the high court's order on Friday, says actor's advocate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

NATIONAL award winner and Pushpa fame actor Allu Arjun was released on Saturday early morning after the Telangana High Court granted bail on Friday. The court granted him bail for four weeks.

He was arrested in connection with the death of a woman at the Sandhya Theatre during the premiere of his movie Pushpa-2 on December 4.

Though the High Court granted him bail on Friday, the prison officials released him on Saturday. Speaking on that issue with the media, Advocate for Allu Arjun, Ashok Reddy said that they would take steps against the prison department legally for delay to release him despite the High Court orders. He said that the jail officials received the order copied from the High Court on Friday itself. "Despite the order being copied , they (jail authorities) did not release. You (Media) should question the government and department why they (Jail authorities) have not released the accused. The High court order is very specific that forthwith the moment you (jail officials) receive the order, you had to be released. Despite clear orders they did not release and they have to answer".

He also said that they moved an application based on that special category based on prison rules and that was provided for Allu Arjun in that prison on Friday night. He mentioned that on Friday, "we were only requesting the prison department to comply with the High Court's order. They did not comply with that order".

Speaking to the media at his house after being released, Allu Arjun thanked everyone for supporting and immense love for him. "I am well, nothing to worry about. I would like to say that I am a law abiding citizen. I respect the law and I will cooperate with them and I will do the needful" he added.

Allu Arjun once again said that Revathi's death at the Sandhya theatre was unfortunate. "I would like to give my condolences to that family. It was very very unfortunate that we went to watch a film and an accident happened, that was totally unintentional. That was an unfortunate accident. We always feel sorry for whatever happened. It is purely out of my personal control", he mentioned.

He said that he had been going to watch movies for the last 20 years.

"I had been to that place to watch not only my movies but also my uncle's films. I have been there more than 30 times in my life. Never something like this ever happened. It's purely accidental. I will be there for that family for support in whatever way I can. We can never cover the loss of a death of a person", he said.

Meanwhile, the KIMS hospital released the health condition of Sritej, son of deceased Revathi, who was suffocated due to large influx in the crowd on December 4 at Sandhya Theatre. The hospital management said, "Sritej continues to be in ICU on ventilatory support with minimal requirements. He is hemodynamically stable and tolerating tube feedings."

Producer Bunny Vasu went to KIMS and asked about his health condition.

He told his parents that he would pay all medical expenses. After he came, Allu Arjun returned to his house.

Actor Allu Arjun addresses the media outside his residence after he was released from jail in Hyderabad on Saturday | PTI

CHANDRABABU NAIDU CONSOLES ACTOR

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu consoled actor Allu Arjun on Saturday. Arjun was released from jail on Saturday morning and Naidu called him over phone. Naidu also rang up Arjun's father Allu Aravind on Friday.

₹35 crore corpus fund for rare medical treatment for SCs, STs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government approved the creation of a Rs 35-crore corpus fund to provide rare medical treatments for people belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST).

This initiative is intended to address the financial burden of high-cost treatments. The fund will be managed through the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) and will prioritise treatments not covered under existing State and Union government health schemes.

Initially, the Social Welfare Department was tasked with implementing the budget provision. However, the responsibility was later transferred to the Department of Health and Family Welfare after discussions chaired by the Chief Minister.

The corpus fund will focus on addressing treatment needs for rare and expensive diseases by utilising interest generated from the allocated amount. The government revised the allocation under the SCSP/TSP budget to Rs 47 crore, ensuring sufficient resources to sustain the initiative.

A total of 33 rare and high-cost treatments were initially included under the scheme. However, 16 were later excluded as they are already covered by programmes such as Ayushman Bharat – Arogya Karnataka and the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD). The revised scheme will now support 17 treatments exclusively for SC/ST patients.

The government emphasised that if any of the approved treatments are included in broader state or national schemes in the future, they will be removed from the corpus fund's scope to avoid duplication of benefits.

The scheme will continue under the guidance of the existing technical and executive committees, which will oversee its implementation and develop additional guidelines for rare and costly treatments.

MORE RAIN FOR KERALA

A man gazes at the rough sea at Shangumugham in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. The IMD has forecast heavy rain in Kerala in the coming days | VINCENT PULICKAL

Senior Cong leader EVKS Elangovan passes away

T MURUGANANDHAM
& S Kumaresan @ Chennai

FORMER Tamil Nadu Congress Committee president and Erode (East) MLA **EVKS Elangovan** passed away at the age of 75 at a private hospital on Saturday. Elangovan had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for nearly a month for respiratory illness. Elangovan -- grandnephew of social reformer Periyar E V Ramasamy -- is survived by his wife Varalakshmi Elangovan and son Sanjay Sampath.

The mortal remains of Elangovan are kept at his residence in Manapakkam and the final rites will be held at 4 pm on Sunday at the electric crematorium in L&T Colony, Mugalivakkam.

The strength of the Congress party has come down from 18 to 17 in the Tamil Nadu Assembly with the demise of Elangovan. Since the 16th Assembly has 17 more months, a by-election is likely to be held for the Erode (East) Assembly constituency.

It may be held in February when elections to the Delhi Assembly and other by-elections are held. However, the ECI will take a final call.

E Thirumahan Everaa, son of Elangovan who represented Erode East Assembly constituency, died in January last and after that, Elangovan contested from the same constituency and got elected to the Assembly.

EXPRESS READ

Woman injured in leopard attack in TG

Adilabad: A woman was grievously injured in a leopard attack in Dedra village of Bazarathnoor mandal on Saturday. The victim, Arke Bheembhai, was going to work in the morning hours when she encountered a leopard which was trying to attack cattle. Upon hearing loud noises, villagers gathered to drive the leopard out of the site and save the woman. The villagers initially shifted the woman to a primary health centre (PHC) and then to the RIMS government hospital for better treatment. Doctors said the woman is safe and she is undergoing treatment. **ENS**

Teenager drowns in Kerala temple pond

Kochi: A 13-year-old drowned in a temple pond at Tripunithura. The deceased is Ron, 13, a native of Thekkumbhagam near Tripunithura. The incident took place on Saturday evening when Ron and his friends were bathing at the Pavamkulangara temple pond. While swimming, Ron drowned in the pond. Though residents rescued and shifted Ron to a hospital, he could not be saved. The body was moved to a morgue at a hospital in Tripunithura and will be handed over to relatives after a postmortem examination. Police have registered a case. **ENS**

Ranks not important, says Sudha Murty

Bengaluru: Ranks are not important in life, but educational institutions must equip students with the strength and courage to face reality, said Rajya Sabha member Sudha Murty. She was addressing the Global Alumni Meet-2024 organised by the BVB KLE Tech Alumni Association at Nimhans on Saturday. Recalling college days, she said, "While students are educated academically, their potential and self-confidence are often overlooked." **ENS**

'NO PROVOCATION FOR RIOTING'

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JUSTICE M Nagaprasanna quashed the proceedings while allowing the petition filed by Yatnal questioning the complaint registered by S Manohar, KPCC secretary, under the provisions of Section 192, 196 and 353(2) of BNS, on September 18, 2024, with High Grounds police, accusing him of commenting on the origin and the roots of Rahul Gandhi and his mother as he (Rahul) had allegedly criticised India abroad.

The court said it is the duty of every citizen, more so, of the elected representatives to protect the integrity of the nation, both locally and globally.

The court noted that the counsel appearing for the complainant sought to generate certain obfuscating contentions which are contrary to the complaint or the offence alleged against the petitioner. He brought in outraging the modesty of a woman. Where it springs from is imaginary. These contentions are preposterous, to say the least. The allegations of Section 192 of the BNS are wantonly provoking with an intent to cause a riot. Where the ingredients would result in the said offence is a mystery. What is spoken is not capable of any rioting to be committed as they are personal to a person. There is no provocation of any rioting even in the remotest sense of what is alleged. Therefore, the offence is loosely laid, the court added.

Observing that permitting further investigation in the case against Surya when there is nothing to investigate would become an abuse of the process of law, Justice Nagaprasanna quashed the proceedings. "Finding no ingredients of the allegations and to prevent miscarriage of justice, I deem it appropriate to exercise my jurisdiction under Section 482 of the CrPC and obliterate the crime," the judge said.

The court noted that this is a case where not a definite class of people is alleged to be defamed, but an indefinite class. The very concept of defaming an indefinite class cannot lead to the offence punishable under Section 500 of the IPC, as the purport of Section 499 and the explanation is that it should be against a definite class of people. Therefore, the offence so alleged both qua Sections 153 and 500 of the IPC are not met even to their prima facie sense in the case, the court said.

The statement in question was whether the word, "Hindu", was Persian and its meaning was very dirty. Referring to this, the complainant contended that he belongs to Nair community, a Hindu by religion, and the statement made by the petitioner was seen and read in news channels and print media.

Naidu: Assembly poll in '29 even if One Nation, One Election is enacted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

ANDHRA Pradhes Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said elections will be held in 2029 even if the 'One Nation, One Election' Bill, which allows for conduct of simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and Assemblies of the States and Union Territories, comes into effect. It may be pointed out that the Bill is set to be tabled in the lower house of Parliament on Monday (December 16).

Naidu reiterated that the yellow party has already extended support to the 'One Nation, One Election' Bill. He accused the YSRCP of making baseless statements without any knowledge on the subject for political survival. He remarked that the YSRCP leaders have lost credibility and that they have become a laughing stock.

Emphasising that the TDP-led NDA government in the State is stable, Naidu underscored the need to raise awareness on the Swarna Andhra Vision-2047 document among people by discussing it in universities, colleges, schools and other public fora to ensure better future for generations to come. "The success of Vision 2020 will be repeated in 2047. The present generation should know how Vision-2020 was realised so that everyone can witness the revolutionary changes by evaluating the conditions of the State in 1996 and 2020," he said.

Revanth launches protein-rich uniform diet in T'gana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

ASSERTING that students should be empowered and allowed to monitor the food they consume every day, Telangana Chief Minister **A Revanth Reddy** on Saturday instructed officials to set up Mess Management Committees with students in government hostels and residential schools across the state.

The chief minister also made it clear that he would make visits to residential schools part of his official tours in the state. Stringent action will be initiated against those who fail to perform their duties, he warned. Reddy was speaking after launching the "Uniform Diet Menu" from a social welfare residential school at Chilkur.

The uniform diet menu has been designed to ensure that students are served nutritious, protein-rich food throughout the month. The elaborate menu covers every single day, with separate items listed for breakfast, break, lunch, snacks and dinner. While chicken will be served on two Sundays and two Wednesdays, eggs will be part of the dishes at least 23 times in the month. Milk will be served every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, while the students will get fruits like banana, guava, papaya, watermelon and sapota, as well as boiled pulses, millet biscuits and ginger tea during the day break and in snacks.

The CM said: "Recently, a girl died due to food poisoning. I can understand the pain of the grieving parents. Rich and poor love their children equally. Parents repose faith in us and send their children to hostels. We should be more responsible. We need to take precautions and stop the recurrence of such incidents (food poisoning)."

15-yr-old gets Diana Award for empowering students with digital literacy

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A 15-year-old girl from Bengaluru has recently been honoured with the prestigious Diana Award 2024, the highest recognition for young people between the ages of 9 and 25 for their exceptional social action or humanitarian work.

For the past three years, **Jeya Malhotra**, a 10th standard student at the Air Force School in Jalahalli, has dedicated herself to empower students through digital literacy and entrepreneurial skills. She has mentored over 90,000 students across India and Canada, helping them develop crucial skills for their future.

Jeya was part of the virtual award ceremony held on December 5, where she shared her story and the impact of her work alongside Prince Harry of the British royal family.

At just 12 years old, Jeya connected with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, through her school, which led her to the Tinker Champ - a government initiated student-driven programme that helps students develop 21st-century skills and leadership qualities.

Under the programme, Jeya created Khwaish - an initiative that supports children with intellectual disabilities. Reflecting on her journey, she said, while many people focus on helping underprivileged children or providing digital skills training to students, intellectually challenged children often get overlooked and do not receive the attention they need.

To validate her idea, Jeya created a basic website and began submitting it to various competitions. In 8th grade, she entered the ATL TinkerPreneur 2023, a 9-week-long digital skills and entrepreneurship bootcamp and competition, and secured the All India Rank 1, standing out among 9,000 startup ideas from across the country. The initiative is now a group, consisting of 100 students who now work together with the Niti Aayog, to drive innovation and creativity.

In three years, the initiative has reached students from more than 250 schools, providing them with the opportunity to learn and grow through digital tools and entrepreneurial training.

Jeya emphasised that while there is a lot of enthusiasm in the community to learn, the main obstacle is the lack of proper resources to turn ideas into reality. The key issue, according to Jeya, is accessibility, which is hindering progress.

Highlighting how the 15-year-old has been balancing teaching and learning both, Jeya said from the beginning she wanted to work on projects that could make a difference for a larger group of people. However, many innovators were focusing on more general issues. That's when she decided to focus on a field that could directly impact the lives of intellectually challenged children—an issue she deeply cares about. Social entrepreneurship has always been her passion, she said.

Jeya recently created 'BizBox', an entrepreneurship kit used by over 100 students in rural areas to help them grasp entrepreneurial concepts, even in areas without digital connectivity.

"George Soros knew how to handle randomness by keeping a critical open mind and changing his opinions with minimal shame

Nassim Nicholas Taleb

TRUMP EFFECT: THE POWER OF NOUN AND VERB

THE THIRD EYE

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POWER is not a means; it is an end... The object of power is power." Donald J Trump has imbibed George Orwell's immortal observation and embodies the idea in letter and spirit.

The inauguration of the 47th US president is more than a month away. Yet, for all intents and purposes, Trump is in power, calling the shots. Mar-a- Lago, his antique-studded mansion spread over 20 acres, is a destination of political pilgrimage. The pilgrims include Keir Starmer, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Javier Milei and Justin Trudeau. Previously, sceptical tsars such as Mark Zuckerberg of Meta, Tim Cook of Apple, who paid obeisance, and Jeff Bezos of Amazon, slated to meet Trump next week, are all contributing to the inaugural.

The analogies triggered in the wake of worthies seeking his audience range from gestures last seen in 18th and 19th century royal courts or in Francis Ford Coppola's cinematic rendition of lesser dons kissing the ring of 'The Godfather' to show fealty. Trump sees himself not just as the commander in chief, but as the chief diplomat, the chief trade negotiator and an arbiter of geopolitics and issues that matter.

Trump has no time for the niceties of protocol. His declarations stream on Truth Social and are reposted on X (formerly Twitter). China is already in his crosshairs, with tariffs of 50-plus percent threatened. In recent weeks, he has threatened Mexico and Canada, members of the USCAM trade treaty, over illegal immigration and drugs. He has warned BRICS countries to not try to replace the "mighty US dollar or face 100 percent tariffs", adding for effect, "They can go find another 'sucker'!"

The US markets are experiencing a stupendous post-election rally—forecasts for the S&P500 are at new highs, NASDAQ at 20,000 hit a record high, and Bitcoin shot up to over $101,000. On Thursday, Trump trooped into the NYSE to ring the bell. Beyond the bonhomie, there is no disputing the nervousness as currencies flounder. Across markets from Osaka to Mumbai to New York, investors are struggling to map post-January 20 scenarios. The term Trump punctuates discourse at global meets, in governments and company C-suites.

While the lame-duck Biden regime is still in office, Trump is at work projecting the power of the noun and the verb—his persona and the fusillade of intimidating intent expressed in the choice of his team. Consider two of his nominees. Marco Rubio, picked as the secretary of state, is a known China hawk and author of the Patriotic Investments Act designed to prevent the US tax code from rewarding investments in China. The pick for commerce secretary, Howard Lutnick, is known to favour higher tariffs across the board. Loyalty to the goal is paramount.

The quest is to constrain all inflows—particularly goods and immigrants—and allow only FDI. The instrument of mass disruption is tariff, along with the promise of lighter regulation and smaller government by the proposed Elon Musk-led department of government efficiency, and tax breaks for investments in the US. Trump appears more prepared than before. His power stems from the size of the US economy and the promise underlying 'Make America Great Again'.

Trump wants to rewire the US Economy. After the 1970s, American companies developed a tripartite franchise model where they designed products, retained the patents for technology and outsourced manufacturing and labour. The capture of policy led to the export of investments, manufacturing jobs, incomes and growth. This created a zone of high incomes in society and hollowed investment and employment out of the US economy, pushing masses out of the income and consumption square.

Trumponomics is, essentially, a promise to restore past glory and upend existing arrangements. Although experts are arguing against the high tariff wall and forced deportation of undocumented immigrants—both of which can push up inflation—Trump is steadfast. The feared collateral damage, to the US economy and relationship with allies, is not deemed consequential.

The optimists theorise that Trump is transactional and the tariff threat is an instrument of negotiation. That may be true. But in an unequal world—remember, the dollar is the biggest reserve currency and the US is the largest importer—the terms of endearment will be reset and will entail compromises. It would seem the threats are yielding results. European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde advised the EU to buy American (arms and LNG) and avoid the Trump trade war. NATO members, who wouldn't ramp up their defence spending to 2 percent of GDP earlier, are now considering hiking it to 3 percent.

This column had observed before the results that unlike in 2016, when the world wondered whether to take Trump literally or seriously, it is now taking him literally and seriously. To appreciate the concern around the world, try looking up a search trend on Google—for the past seven days, the terms 'tariff' and 'Donald Trump' have been in perfect sync.

Trump's victory triggered tremors of shock and awe as his party sealed the quadfecta of the presidency, the two Houses and an ideologically-aligned judiciary. His ascent has left the world in a *cul-de-sac* of chaos and consternation, angst and uncertainty. Trump is playing a risky gambit. The big questions are, in a world of inter-dependencies, will the gamble pay off, and is the world prepared for it?

NOT BREAKING INDIA IS SOROS'S SORROW

POWER & POLITICS

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THIS time, it is the dragon that is slaying St George in the clash between the BJP and the Congress. George Soros's buccaneering habits came to the fore in 1992 when he bet on the British pound, made a $1-billion profit, and brought the British economy to its knees. This time, the target of the 94-year-old Hungarian-American tycoon, investor, philanthropist and liberal political activist is Narendra Modi and his government. Saffron scuttlebutt is amplifying a propaganda storm by accusing Soros of doing the same to the Indian economy in cahoots with the Congress. Though his targeting has flopped so far, it has succeeded in setting the narrative and disrupting parliament for almost a week.

Soros controls an estimated $25-billion-plus that includes assets of six Open Society foundations: the Open Society Institute, Foundation for an Open Society, Open Society Fund, Soros Fund Charitable Foundation, Soros Economic Development Foundation and the Fund for Policy Reform. His personal wealth alone is over $8 billion. The cause of the current political turmoil in India is the disbursal of over $18 billion in grants given by his foundations.

Open Society is not an open-and-shut case. Soros has invited BJP's wrath with his continuous interference in India's domestic affairs and vicious personal attacks on Modi. A super-active market player deploying millions to make billions, his modus operandi is to oblige ruling parties in countries where he does business. The Congress, its old leaders and many retired civil servants have enjoyed his hospitality and facilities to promote their international agendas.

The Soros model is transparent. He establishes Open Society foundations in places he thinks are closed societies, to disrupt the socio-political ecosystem. China, Russia and Turkey have been among his previous targets. Since India's Congress-led governments and Soros were ideologically compatible, the brazen businessman rarely targeted its leaders. Instead, he used his charitable entities to co-opt them at international forums. The BJP has called out Sonia Gandhi as an office bearer of one such forum.

In parliament last week, the ruckus between the BJP and the opposition took a Soros-ful turn. The BJP countered the Congress fusillade against Adani by alleging Soros was the opposition's inspiration. The charge was led by party president J P Nadda: "Soros donates billions of dollars to destabilise this country, the Congress becomes his puppet, raises his voice and destabilises the country. It should be condemned... The country wants to know what is Sonia Gandhi's relationship with Soros." Nadda was supported by numerous party colleagues who stormed social media platforms with Soros's Gandhi parivar connections.

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The Congress did not lie back and take it. Pawan Khera, its national spokesperson, parried, "I pose the following questions to the prime minister: Will you seek the resignation of S Jaishankar? Will you demand the resignation of Shamika Ravi? Will you ask for the resignation of R N Ravi, the governor of Tamil Nadu? Further, will you initiate an investigation into how these individuals may have collaborated with external forces to destabilise India? What harm have they caused to the nation's interests? These individuals are in close proximity to you. They have allegedly received funds from George Soros, used to destabilise our country. We await your response." Khera claimed Jaishankar's son is associated with George Soros foundations through organisations such as the Aspen Institute and German Marshall Fund, a charge that was refuted.

Soros launched a tirade against the Modi government and BJP soon after their second mandate in 2019. At the World Economic Forum in January 2020, he expressed, "Nationalism, far from being reversed, made further headway. The biggest and most frightening setback came in India, where a democratically elected Narendra Modi is creating a Hindu nationalist state, imposing punitive measures on Kashmir, a semi-autonomous Muslim region, and threatening to deprive millions of Muslims of their citizenship."

Since then, he is accused of inciting protests using institutions, individuals and lawmakers with liberal funds to continuously berate Modi. In February 2023, while speaking at the Munich Security Conference, his primary targets were Modi, Xi and Erdogan. He used the Adani controversy to docket the PM: "Modi is silent on the subject (Adani), but he will have to answer questions from foreign investors and parliament."

Projected as a saviour of democracy by his admirers and the institutions he finances, Soros has predicted the Adani episode would "significantly weaken Modi's stranglehold on India's federal government and open door to push for much needed institutional reforms... I may be naive, but I expect a democratic revival in India." To his utter disappointment, India voted Modi back to Raisina Hill for the third successive time with minor bruises.

Aggrieved by his cheek, the BJP and its supporters have blasted Soros on social media. The most acerbic broadside came from Jaishankar. He told a conference in Sydney last year: "[Soros] is old, rich, opinionated and dangerous because what happens is when such people, such views and such organisations—they actually invest resources in shaping narratives." Jaishankar felt Soros was funding various institutions to "go about their agenda". The foreign minister knows the Washington 'swamp' better than others, having been the Indian ambassador there.

The BJP found coincidental similarities between issues raised by the opposition and the Congress after Soros laid down the basic toolkit. Saffron netas and Modi connected the sudden surge in personal attacks and the violent farmer's protests to Soros-ised institutions and individuals. The fact that prominent celebs and social activists, who are direct or indirect beneficiaries of his largesse, were seen walking with Rahul Gandhi during his yatras gave the BJP ammunition to join the dots.

The crafty billionaire's disruptive decisions coupled with his 'liberal' ideology provided enough leverage to the BJP to lambast the Gandhi parivar. Soros's Open Society foundations massively fund likeminded individuals across the globe. BJP sources say the government has already collated information about them in India. The progeny of some retired and active civil servants, and political leaders have studied in Ivy League institutions at Soros's expense. They are, in fact, the hidden foreign hand and must be called out. A large number of Indian think tanks—led by retired army generals, academics, civil servants and even corporate leaders—are pushing Sorosnomics and politics through research projects, seminars and conferences.

Legitimising Soros's power to shake or make governments is political exaggeration. Using conspiracy theories about facilitating regime change reflects the weakness of a party or leadership. Modi is India's undisputed leader. He has survived many foreign hands in Gujarat and Delhi. It will take many more Soroses and many decades to inflict even a scratch on Indian polity. With his name parroted ad nauseum, he is getting more affirmation and attention than he deserves. Soros is known as 'the man who broke the central banks of England and Thailand'. But his ultimate failure to break Modi's vote bank and India is Soros's sorrow—the lost dream of a rogue moneybag packed with tainted money.

HOW EFFECTIVE IS PERVASIVE ADVERTISING?

OPINION

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I was recently on a boat ride on the Ganga at Varanasi, nostalgically looking at the ghats—the most beautiful riverfront one can see for miles. The view was marred by bright advertisements of guest houses, sari shops and travel companies. Almost every boat had an ad painted on it—a jarring interruption in my spiritual sojourn that sent me back to where I came from.

Our urban landscapes back home are full of advertisements. Once upon a time, we recognised taxis as black-and-yellow and autos as green-and-yellow; but now they sell all visible space on their vehicles to advertisers. The same goes for buses or metro trains. On bus boarding stations, you sometimes struggle to read the name of the station, hidden somewhere between advertisements if not overwritten by them. Our night skies are lit up with neon and backlit signage.

Coming to digital real estate, you open any screen and are bombarded with ads of all kinds. Even e-commerce portals, whose primary job is to sell products, are full of ads of other products. When you search for a product you want, all you get is their competing ones that have paid the portal to put them on top.

Once, out of frustration, I wondered if the only place left for advertising was our foreheads. Instantly, a reel popped up on my mobile. A popular comedy influencer was selling casino games. So we have made our craft, talent and personalities all available as advertising real estate. I got my answer—no place is unreachable for the advertiser.

As a consumer, it is mind-numbing to navigate through so many ads and frustrating to wait for the 'Skip' button. Still, I want to put on the advertiser's hat for a moment. What am I gaining by being one among the sea of advertisers? When my advertisement stood out, it probably caught a few eyes. But excessive advertising can be psychologically repulsive, pushing the consumer away. What do I gain when my followers know that their favourite content creator is promoting something that he or she has been paid to promote? Top it with the fact that most followers know influencers probably never consume the products they promote. The trust is low, the recall value non-existent and differentiation unrecognisable.

Differential pricing based on the cost of the gadget used—with the classic example of iPhone users getting quoted higher prices for flights and hotels—makes us think about the invasive nature of advertising. As a consumer, I need to budget that when I am buying an iPhone I am also putting a cess on anything I am going to purchase online using this phone. Is this a breach of my right to equality or quality? Or is it really the online version of an offline behaviour? Is it not common to see tourists being overcharged when the vendor judges them based on their economic behaviour? Even the neighbourhood vegetable vendor charges more if you stop by in a fancy car, so why should high-end phone users not be judged similarly?

When we step out of our busy cityscapes, we realise how a surfeit of in-your-face advertising can be akin to visual violence. Even digital spaces are overfull of them. This can harm the brand paying for the display

I checked out research on ads and their effect on consumers. Almost all the top results talked about manipulating consumer behaviour, but presented it in a way that it seems to help the consumer. They say it helps consumers make informed choices. I wonder how a casino app that promises to multiply your money in a jiffy in advertising, but in practice has a high rate of eroding the wealth of players, would be an informed decision. How do surrogate ads lead to prohibited items empowering the consumer?

There seems to be little research on the ill effects on consumers of too much in-your-face advertisement. Consumers are rarely a single, organised entity, so they have no agency to commission such research. But only such insight can feed into the advertising guidelines by authorities, who in an ideal situation should be the one assessing the impact. Till then, our urban designers and municipal authorities need to establish a fine balance between how much advertisement should be a part of the cityscape. Aesthetics of a place should not be sacrificed at the altar of monetising every possible space available.

On that note, I could distinctly notice the ads on the ghats because I am currently staying at a university campus that has almost zero ads. This stint made me realise how soothing it can be not to be shouted at visually all the time. Else, my urban eyes are too used to ads, trained at ignoring them. Little had I realised that visual noise can indeed be disturbing at a high level. We need to demand our serenity back in the public spaces we collectively own.

QUOTE CORNER

Even a decade after I had made a place for myself in the game, journalists kept asking my rivals what they thought about competing against me, a woman. When a reporter asked Vishy, he replied, 'She is very strong and is one of us.' It showed that I was not only respected within the circle, but also well accepted as a colleague.

Judit Polgár, Hungarian grandmaster considered the greatest female chess player of all time, on Viswanathan Anand's impact on her career

Don't dare to think that you are going to occupy all these states and we are going to sit around and have lollypop.

Mamata Banerjee on remarks by a Bangladeshi politician that his country had a legitimate claim over West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha

Let her do what she wants... it's her life. We can only wish her luck.

Justices Bharati Dangre and Manjusha Deshpande of the Bombay HC, on a Hindu parent's plea to separate his daughter from her Muslim live-in partner

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Judicial negligence

Ref: *Ensure probe fairness, allay survivor concerns* (Dec 14). It's highly disrespectful to the victims that even after numerous cases of brutal rape over the years, the judiciary fails to deliver justice. It's shocking to see the memory card tampered with under custody. The judiciary's failure to handle such crucial evidence raises questions about its standards. If this continues, no individual will ever feel safe enough to confide or express concerns.

Kousiki Bhowmik, Bengaluru

Legal recourse

A better way to proceed against the culprits in the misuse of memory card case would be legal recourse. A letter to the president has a remote chance of getting through by reasons of the office's own constitutional moralities. Advice from legal luminaries should do the task.

Nandakumar P, Chittilappilly

English medium

Ref: *Let's stop speaking in tongues about English* (Dec 14). The author raises a pertinent question about the role of English in Indian society and the hypocrisy surrounding its usage. The reality is that English has become an integral part of Indian society and it's essential for Indians to stop pretending that it's not a vital tool for success. He also highlights the class divide that exists in India when it comes to English language proficiency. This is a stark reminder of the need for inclusive education policies that prioritise language skills and provide equal opportunities for all.

K Sridevi, Kakinada

Linguistic balance

J Sai Deepak has mentioned in public that Indians have become 'Macaulay's children' over the last 100 years. It is true only in terms of embracing the colonial language willingly, but not aping the West culturally. While learning the pleasure of one's mother tongue deserves continuous encouragement, English need not be disowned as a colonial baggage. Many political celebrities like K Annamalai and Tejasvi Surya of the BJP and Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari of the Congress have carved a niche for their persuasive communication in English. C Rajagopalachari foresaw this and affirmed that English was a wonderful gift bestowed on Indians by goddess Saraswati.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Equitable economy

Ref: *Read the danger signals blinking on economic horizon* (Dec 14). India's economic engine needs fuel from both sides: supply-side reforms to boost efficiency and demand-side measures to ignite consumer spending. By creating jobs, raising wages and investing in public infrastructure, we can not only accelerate growth but also ensure it benefits for every Indian. It's a win-win formula.

Disha Moni Bharali, Bengaluru

Electoral reforms

Defying all expectations, the cabinet has approved the bill for simultaneous polls. As the NDA doesn't have the required numbers to get the bill—which needs a slew of amendments to the Representation of the People act with two-thirds majority in both Houses— passed, one thought that the BJP would not go for it at this juncture. The one nation, one election legislation needs to be discussed well not only in parliament, but also on the streets. It should be accompanied by other electoral reforms that would ensure real political power for the common man.

D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

RIP Elangovan

The passing away of E V K S Elangovan is an irreparable loss to Tamil Nadu Congress. His never-say-die spirit to rejuvenate his party's flagging fortunes in the state is still ingrained in every Congress Youth worker's memory. He proved efficient as a Union minister, an MP and the Erode East MLA. A feature of his character was that he never stepped back from what he said and was catholic in speaking his mind, unmindful of the people confronting him.

Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Today, India, by following constitutional activities, is moving strongly on the path of becoming the third largest economy of the world.

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
The man BJP worships, had claimed there's nothing Indian about our Constitution and called for it to be replaced by Manusmriti. So when BJP talks about protecting the Constitution, are they mocking their own leader?

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
In the endless war on Indian Muslims, I wonder when the BJP will suddenly ban using mikes for Azaan calls from mosques!

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi speaks during the special debate on Constitution in Parliament on Saturday; (R) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla conducts proceedings in the House | PTI

Rahul invokes Manusmriti to target BJP

During debate on 75th year of Constitution, LoP in the Lok Sabha accuses the ruling party of spreading hatred

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a broadside against the BJP-RSS, saying that Hindutva ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar considered 'Manusmriti' superior to the Constitution.

Speaking at the special debate to mark the 75th year of the adoption of the Constitution, Gandhi cited Savarkar's quotes that there was "nothing Indian about our Constitution."

"I want to start my speech by quoting what the supreme leader, not of the BJP but of the modern interpretation of the ideas of the RSS about the Constitution of India. The worst thing about the Constitution is that there is nothing Indian about it. Manusmriti is the scripture most worshipable after the Vedas of our Hindu nation... For centuries, this book has codified our nation's spiritual and divine march. Today, Manusmriti is law. These are the words of Savarkar," said Rahul.

The Congress MP sought to know if the BJP is in support of its leader's ideas. "I want to ask the BJP if you support your leader's words. Because when you speak in Parliament about protecting the Constitution, you are ridiculing Savarkar, abusing Savarkar, and defaming Savarkar," he said.

Accusing the BJP of spreading hatred in the country, Gandhi spoke about his recent visit to Hathras where he met the family of the Dalit gang-rape victim. He said that the culprits are roaming scot-free while the victim's family is not allowed to leave their house. "This is not in the basic spirit of Baba Saheb's Constitution," he said.

Gandhi further reiterated his commitment to hold a caste census and to remove the 50% cap on reservation if the INDIA alliance came to power.

"We will conduct a caste census and scrap the wall 50% reservation cap," he added.

Political equality has been destroyed under the Modi government, he said. "Ambedkar had said that if there is no social and economic equality, political equality will be destroyed. Today, it has happened now. All institutions have been captured. Social equality and economic equality don't exist anymore. That is why our next step would be caste census," he said.

'His first priority was economy': Rijiju tears into Cong on Ambedkar's letter to Nehru

Ambedkar told Nehru that his first priority was economy, but he did not get those ministries. He was also not included in any Cabinet committee. He was also not given a planning portfolio.

Why didn't the Congress give Ambedkar Bharat Ratna?

Kiren Rijiju, Union minister

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE second day of the special debate on the 75th year of the Constitution saw fireworks after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju attacked the Congress citing BR Ambedkar's resignation letter to Jawaharlal Nehru and accused the party of humiliating him.

Rijiju said Ambedkar did not get any ministry related to economy despite him expressing his interest clearly. "Ambedkar told Nehru that his first priority was economy, but he did not get those ministries. He was also not included in any Cabinet committee. He was also not given a planning portfolio. He said he was not interested in an ornamental portfolio," Rijiju said, adding that Gandhiji had asked Nehru to include Ambedkar in the first Cabinet.

The minister asserted that the Congress defeated Ambedkar in 1952 general elections and didn't allow him to come back to the Lok Sabha. Rijiju suggested that the Congress should "apologise" to Ambedkar to "lessen its sins". "Why didn't you give Ambedkar Bharat Ratna?" he asked. He said that the chief architect of the Constitution was conferred with India's highest civilian honour after a government supported by the BJP came to power at the Centre.

"Nehru is always for Muslims," the minister said quoting Ambedkar. Citing a document, Rijiju said while Ambedkar wanted reservation indefinitely till equality was achieved, Nehru advocated for it to be in place for 10 years.

Rijiju cited Ambedkar as saying that while Nehru delivered more than 2,000 speeches in 20 years, he never spoke about the welfare of Scheduled Castes even once. "In 1961, Nehru wrote to all CMs that if we promote reservation, the talented will suffer," he said.

Though the Mandal Commission report came out in 1980, it did not see the light of the day for 10 years, he said, adding that it was the VP Singh government supported by the BJP that implemented it.

TDP RAISES CONCERNS OVER DELIMITATION

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

PARTICIPATING in the debate on Constitution, Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, an MP from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), a key ally of the NDA, flagged concerns on the impending delimitation exercise, saying that the southern states will lose out to the north Indian states.

Devarayalu said that based on current census data, four northern states — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh — are set to gain 155 Lok Sabha seats in the reconfiguration. On the other hand, five southern states — Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala — will together see only an increase of 35 seats.

"UP, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh now have 169 Lok Sabha seats. As per the new census calculation, they will go up to 324 seats. That is an increase of 155 seats. Whereas Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, all put together, have 129 seats in total. According to new figures, it will only be 169 seats," he said.

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'ONOE' BILL TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY

Setting the ball rolling on the concept of simultaneous elections in the country, the Union government will introduce two bills on 'One Nation, One Election' in the Lok Sabha on Monday. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will introduce The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill in the Lower House. The Union Cabinet had approved the Constitutional Amendment Bill on Thursday to roll out the concept of simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly polls. Two draft legislations — including one simple bill to amend provisions in laws dealing with three UTs that have legislative assemblies to align them with the Constitution Amendment Bill — were given the nod by the Cabinet. To synchronise the terms of the LS and state assemblies, the Ramnath Kovind-led panel proposed the insertion of Article 82A into the Constitution.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi and other MPs during a protest demanding a relief package for landslide-hit Wayanad, in Parliament House Complex on Saturday | PTI

RAM, NOT AURANGZEB, PART OF INDIA'S HERITAGE: PRASAD

Former Union minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad hit out at the Congress on Saturday, saying its leader Rahul Gandhi needs to change his tutor as he is unaware of facts. Prasad said the framers of the Constitution knew that the Indian heritage is secular in nature as mentioned in the 'Rigveda'. He said the original Constitution had pictures of Lord Ram, Lord Hanuman and emperor Akbar, but not of Babar and Aurangzeb. He said in a hypothetical situation, if the Constitution was framed today, the Opposition would have protested the insertion of such pictures in it.

SHRIKANT SHINDE QUOTES INDIRA LETTER ON SAVARKAR

The Lok Sabha turned into a battleground on Friday when Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde invoked a letter written by former PM Indira Gandhi praising VD Savarkar. "Veer Savarkar's daring defiance of the British has its own importance in the annals of our freedom movement. I wish success to the plans to celebrate the birth centenary of this remarkable son of India," Shinde read out from the letter. Rahul Gandhi stood up to respond, but Shinde refused to yield, prompting Congress MPs to demand that he be allowed to speak. Later the Speaker allowed this.

D GUKESH

THE KING OF HEARTS @ 18

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

MANDAR PARDIKAR

SPORTING world is emotional, and it is this emotion that connects the players and fans alike. Sometimes certain acts are immortalised in history and no matter how much we have read or absorbed, the heart craves for more. So, when D Gukesh turned the '18th@18' dream at the World Chess Championship in Singapore a reality, it is only natural to revisit the young man and his fascinating life with yet another article in this column. Indian sports couldn't have asked for a better end to the year. After the cricket T20 Men's World Cup title, Manu Bhaker double Olympic medal, Neeraj Chopra's silver in Paris and Chess Olympiad titles, this stupendous Gukesh feat brings a sublime end to it.

Small gestures reflect the nature of a man. At a private event in September immediately after winning double gold at the Olympiad, Gukesh was involved in another style of competition against the likes of R Praggnanandhaa, R Vaishali and Srinath Narayanan. In one of the events, all the GMs went head-to-head against a punch measurement device, the likes you see at all arcades. When Gukesh stepped up to it, he was very unhappy with the score. So he protested and the organiser was happy to give him more tries. This time, he nailed it.

This, in a microcosm, is what the teen is all about. He's extremely competitive, fiercely hard-working and he marries both of those with another trait — someone who learns from his mistakes. On Thursday night, he reached the apogee of his still nascent career as he became the 18th and youngest undisputed world champion.

And he remains humble in the victory. His words on his opponent Ding Liren: "He has been one of the best players in history for several years. To see how much pressure he had to face and the kind of fight he gave in this match, shows what a true champion he is. In the games where he was completely in a losing position, he kept finding resources. He is a real inspiration for me."

Gukesh's path to becoming the king of the world began when he was six-year-old. His parents enrolled him in a summer camp at his school, Velammal Vidyalaya. It was love at first sight. Even back then, he had a deep desire to do something special in the world of chess. "I have been dreaming about this moment and living it since I was six or seven," he said.

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Gukesh said he watched the Viswanathan Anand-Magnus Carlsen World Championship match in Chennai as a spectator when he was a 7-year-old. "I was in the stands, looking inside the glass box where the players were. I felt it would be so cool to be inside one day," he said after beating Liren. "When Magnus won, I thought I really want to be the one to bring back the title to India."

After rising up through the ranks rapidly, he began training with Vishnu Prasanna, a GM. Prasanna did something unorthodox with his young ward. He trained him without an engine watching over. "Started working with him in 2017," Prasanna had told this daily when Gukesh reached the stratosphere after winning gold in Board One of the Olympiad in 2022. "He was strategic and had good positioning skills even then. He's now much more aggressive than before. There's been a huge change in his approach."

While players like Carlsen are intuitive, the Indian likes to take his time as he calculates moves. This is something that it works for him. The third GM was a formality and he also became the youngest from the country to achieve this feat.

Even as the world shut down during Covid, Gukesh saw it as a rare opportunity to hone his skills. He spent more hours on the board. One year after the world returned to normalcy, he won an individual gold at the Olympiad in Chennai.

One can argue that without the Olympiad, his development wouldn't have been so rapid. If it was held anywhere else, India would have been eligible to field only one side. Because it was the home Olympiad, they could field the likes of Gukesh and Praggnanadhaa.

The year 2023 saw another high before a worrying dip. In August, Gukesh overtook Anand to become India's leading player by ranking, before form deserted him. He had almost given up but took part in Chennai Grand Masters where he won to secure a spot in the Candidates. The rest, as they say, is history.

Decks cleared for rail link to connect J&K

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

SOON, the interior Kashmir is all set to be connected to the rest of India through a rail line, with the first track work of the Centre's ambitious Udhamapur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project being completed.

The construction of one of the tunnels that are part of the project, T-33, located at the foothills of Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, have also been completed. The 3,209-metre T-33 is designed in a modified horseshoe format.

"The track work for the 3.2-km T-33, located at the foothills of Vaishno Devi and connecting Katra to Reasi, was successfully completed on Friday," said Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Safety remained a top priority during the excavation and construction of the tunnel between Katra and Reasi, as the process posed significant challenges, officials said.

Since parts of the tunnel are located within the challenging 'main boundary thrust' zone of the Himalayas, it has been reinforced with a minimum 600mm M35 grade concrete lining, Railway ministry's executive director Dileep Kumar said. The main boundary thrust zone is a series of seismic faultlines that separate the outer Himalayas from the lower ranges.

The construction of tunnel T-33 as part of the rail link project | EXPRESS

The completion of T-33, a key part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project, will facilitate the construction of a broad-gauge line through the challenging Himalayan terrain. When completed, the project promises an all-weather, comfortable, cost-effective and efficient mass transportation system, Kumar said.

The Commissioner of Railway Safety is expected to conduct an inspection of the T-33 on December 16-17. After this, the technical safety formalities will be completed and a report will be submitted to the Railway ministry.

Further work, including electrification, signalling, and other safety-related tasks, will be undertaken after completion of the track inside the tunnel.

Sources suggest that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate the final 17-km stretch between Katra and Reasi, which includes Tunnel T-33, potentially allowing the first direct train operation from Kashmir to Delhi by January or February 2025.

A senior railway official highlighted that the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project involves nearly 38 tunnels, including tunnel T-49, which will be the country's longest transportation tunnel spanning 12.75 kilometres.

Additionally, the project features 927 bridges, including the iconic Chenab Bridge, which stands approximately 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower.

Centre begins process to recruit 4,000 women in CAPF, Assam Rifles by 2025

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

TO enhance participation of women in paramilitary, the government has announced plans to recruit 4,138 women personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles in 2025. Of the total, the BSF will have the largest share of 2,419, followed by the CISF with 818 the Indo-Tibetan Border Police with 456, officials reported on Saturday.

As per the plan, the officials said the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) will get 242 women personnel, while the Sashastra Seema Bal will bring in 103 women personnel. The Assam Rifles, which is deployed along the India-Myanmar border and is under operational control of the Indian Army, will recruit 100 women officials.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs stated, "It is a constant endeavour of the ministry to increase the number of women in CAPF. It is noteworthy that the number of women in CAPF has gone up from 15,499 in 2014 to 42,190 in 2024."

However, the total percentage of women in CAPF and Assam Rifles is only close to 4% of the total strength of the CAPF. The highest is Central Industrial Security Force, which has more than 7% women, and the worst is CRPF with 3.38% women.

Meanwhile, to understand the physical and mental well-being of women in the force, the CRPF has recently conducted a special study to help the armed organisation to assign larger and more diverse roles to them, particularly in forward and operational areas, sources said.

Quoting an official communication, the sources said, a set of questions was drafted, covering topics related to personal life, professional life, and work-life balance. "The aim is to understand the mental health of women and identify the issues they are facing," a source said.

"We have drafted three sets of questions that address both professional and personal issues. They were asked if they get enough time with family, and the challenges in maintaining work-life balance," he said.

Women in forces

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TEMPLE REOPENS

The Sambhal administration here on Saturday uncovered and reopened a temple, which is said to have been closed for 46 years, as part of its anti-encroachment drive. The Bhasma Shankar temple houses an idol of Lord Hanuman and a Shivling.

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Cabinet expansion today, oath ceremony at Nagpur

Fadnavis likely to allocate portfolios ahead of Assembly session

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

'Keeping aspirants in check'

An NCP leader said tussle is still going on over portfolios, so the first formula will be implemented to keep aspirants in check. "We have submitted a list of probable ministers on the basis of caste, region and seniority to the top leadership," NCP leader said.

THE cabinet expansion of the BJP-led Maha Yuti government is likely to take place on Sunday evening at Raj Bhavan in Nagpur and portfolios will be allocated later even as the three alliance partners are still engaged in talks to finalise the formula for sharing ministerial berths.

According to senior BJP leaders, two formulas are under discussion. One is 15:8:7 in which 15 ministers of the BJP will take oath, eight of deputy CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and seven of Ajit Pawar-led NCP. The second formula is 10:4:4 under which 10 ministers of BJP and four each of Shiv Sena and NCP will be sworn in.

"As per the first formula, out of the remaining 40 ministerial berths, 30 ministers will take oath on Sunday and 10 berths will be kept vacant, which will be filled later. In the second formula, 18 ministers will be sworn in and the remaining 22 will take oath later," a senior BJP leader said.

"Leaders of the three parties will hold talks on Sunday morning to finalise the formula for oath taking," he said.

Maharashtra assembly's winter session will begin in Nagpur on Monday. Ministers will take oath on Sunday so that they will tackle Opposition's questions in the House. "Therefore, for the first time, the swearing-in ceremony of the ministers is taking place in Nagpur," the BJP leader said.

An NCP leader said tussle is still going on over portfolios, so the first formula will be implemented to keep aspirants in check. "We have submitted a list of probable ministers on the basis of caste, region and seniority to the top leadership. New faces will be given opportunity to strengthen the party. Ajit Pawar's decision will be final, but we expect that he should not repeat the same old faces to avoid discontent among MLAs and cadre," NCP leader said, wishing not to be named.

A Shiv Sena leader said they are facing a dual challenge. "We have to first get the ministerial list approved in in our party and later by BJP as well. BJP has opposed some faces citing corruption cases. In that the criteria should apply for BJP and NCP," he said.

State Congress president Nana Patole said, "Fight is going on over key portfolios. Therefore cabinet expansion has been delayed."

Transgender welfare board in U'khand formed

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Pushkar Singh Dhami-led government of Uttarakhand has approved the formation of a Transgender Personal Welfare Board. Uttarakhand is the 13th state to implement such a board, which aims at supporting the rights and welfare of the transgender community.

Uttarakhand's Home Secretary Shailesh Bagauli, said, "This board will play a crucial role in integrating the transgender community into the mainstream. It aims to empower the transgender community and make them self-reliant."

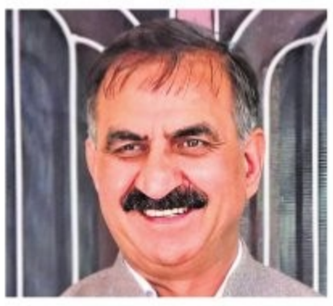
The transgender community supported the decision. Aditi Sharma, a social activist from Dehradun and transgender community member said, "This board will not only improve our lives but will help us gain equality and respect in society. This decision should have been made earlier, but it is heartening that the current government has recognised our rights."

Other states that had estblished the board include Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Tripura, and Mizoram.

According to official data, Utrakhand is home to around 4,815 transgenders.

Sukhu cabinet divided over HP land holding act

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh



CHIEF Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** is encountering significant opposition from his cabinet regarding the amendment of the Himachal Pradesh Ceiling on Land Holdings Act of 1972. This amendment aims to address a request from the Radha Soami Satsang Beas (RSSB), an influential religious and spiritual organization, to transfer the Bhota Charitable Hospital to its sister organization, the Maharaja Jagat Singh Medical Relief Society, in the Hamirpur district.

Owing to the differences, the proposal has been put on the hold. The BJP has already opposed this move by the Congress-led state government.

Sukhu had recently instructed the law and revenue departments to draft the amended Act, which was to be presented for approval in the state assembly on the first day of its winter session on December 18 in Dharamshala.

Sources said the proposal to give an exemption to RSSB was tabled in the recent cabinet meeting. As some ministers expressed their objections, citing long-term implications and legal tenability, it was put on hold. The Advocate General and the Law Secretary have been directed to take a fresh look into the matter. In the absence of a consensus, the matter will be either placed before the cabinet again or approved through circulation to the members of the cabinet.

In its opinion, the state's law department had said, "The (sect's) pretext that transfer is being made to avoid tax liability is not only illegal but also immoral. The state government can never party to such tax e emption proposals."

LoP and former CM Jai Ram Thakur said making an amendment to the Act for the RSSB was against Himachal's interest and would defeat the purpose of the legislation.

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J&K L-G overrules Omar, extends service of V-Cs

In a first difference of opinion on policy matters, J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha has overruled Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Sinha has ordered extension in services of two vice chancellors, Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) VC Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganai and Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu Professor Umesh Rai. Both have been given extension of three years. While Ganai's tenure was expiring this month, Rai's term was ending on April 5, 2025. The L-G gave despite the fact that the CM during his meeting with GAD officials had ordered a ban on re-employment and extensions.

9K NDPSA cases in 5 yrs, 8000 kg drugs seized

Over 9,000 cases under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPSA) have been registered in J&K since 2019 and nearly 8,000 kgs of narcotics including Heroin and Hashish have been destroyed in three years. According to figures released by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, 1,173 NDPSA cases were registered in J&K in 2019 followed by 1,222 in 2020, 1,681 in 2021, 1,857 in 2022, 2,149 in 2023 and 985 till September this year. As per the data, 9,424 people were arrested under NDPSA.

Panel formed on reservation rules

Amid growing concern among youth of general category over rise in reservation quota in J&K, Omar Abdullah government has constituted a sub-committee of three ministers to address grievances of youth regarding present reservation rules in UT. The three ministers, Sakina Masood, Javed Rana and Saitsh Sharma, have been tasked to address grievances raised by aspirants regarding reservation rules for various posts. The committee, serviced by the Social Welfare Department, will consult stakeholders and submit its report to the council of ministers.

Bengal stir after RG Kar ex-chief, cop granted bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

A day after a local court granted bail to two key suspects in the rape-murder of a doctor at RG Kar hospital, the junior doctors have decided to call for Reclaiming the Night again on December 24, 25, 31and January 1. Former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh former officer in-charge of the Tala police station Abhijit Mondal were the two main accused.

The doctors expressed disappointment and said, "We have lost faith in CBI's investigation. The CBI could not file a charge sheet within 90 days."

Another junior doctor said, "We feel there is a nexus between the state government and the Center."

The Left parties and Congress also organised protest rallies across Kolkata on Saturday, accusing the CBI of "failing" to deliver justice. They also alleged a "tacit understanding" between the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and BJP-led Centre.

The court granted them bail on a surety bond of ₹2,000 each and said they would have to appear before the CBI whenever called.

3 students dead as school overhead water tank collapses in Arunachal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THREE students from a private school in Arunachal Pradesh died, and two others students were grievously injured when an overhead water tank collapsed on them while they were playing during school hours on Saturday.

The incident occurred at the St. Alphonsa School at Naharlagun in Papum Pare district at around 9 a.m. The police apprehended the school building owner, principal and four wardens.

The deceased were identified as Ekam Bagang, Rei Dol and Marsu Dubi, all Class 9 students. The injured, Toko Dolum (Class 8) and Licha Butum (Class 6), were admitted to the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences at Naharlagun.

Licha suffered from fractured legs. His father requested the authorities to initiate stringent actions against the school principal, management and others responsible for the incident. "The incident happened due to their negligence," the father said.

Apprehending trouble, the authorities deployed many security personnel at the school. Naharlagun Superintendent of Police Mihin Gambo urged the public to remain calm and maintain peace as the authorities conducted a "thorough and impartial investigation into this unfortunate tragedy."

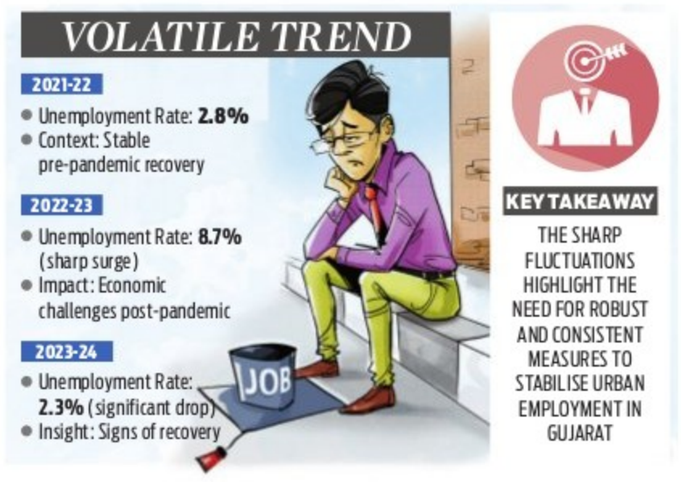
He said all efforts were being made to ensure justice for the victims and their families, adding that the post-mortem exa inations were underway.

Sub-divisional police officer Rishi Longdo told the media a case was registered based on two complaints. "It is only after investigation that we will know what material was used in building the water tank, its capacity, holding strength," he said.

"It is a case of negligence and culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The parents of the students visited the site of the mishap. They want the case to be investigated properly. They are cooperating with us," Longdo said.

Unemployment rate plummets after a rise in urban Gujarat, House told

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad



THE unemployment rate (UR) for individuals aged 15 and above in urban Gujarat areas was 2.8% in 2021-22, which surged to 8.7% in 2022-23, before plummeting to 2.3% in 2023-24, according to recent information provided to the Rajya Sabha by the Centre.

In response to MP Dr Fauzia Khan, who sought details from the Ministry of Labour and Employment about the unemployment rate in urban areas across the country over the past three years, the government shared nationwide unemployment figures for urban areas.

Specifically, the government reported that the unemployment rate in urban Gujarat was 2.8% for the year 2021-22. This figure experienced significant fluctuations in the following years, underscoring the region's economic challenges.

In 2022-23, the unemployment rate surged dramatically to a concerning 8.7%, highlighting the pressure on the labour market during that period. However, there was a notable improvement in 2023-24, with the unemployment rate dropping sharply to 2.3%. This marked reduction signals a potential recovery in urban employment, raising hopes for economic stabilization.

Data obtained using the usual status method reveals the volatility in urban unemployment trends in Gujarat. It emphasizes the importance of implementing sustained measures to stabilize the labour market and mitigate future economic disruptions.

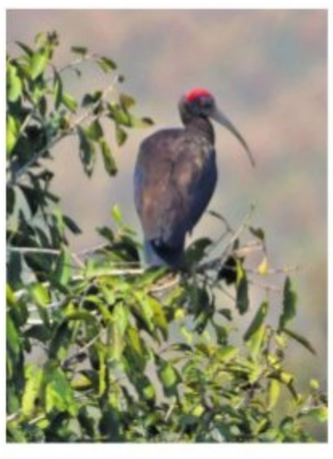
The government informed the Upper House that, over the past three years, a total of 2,26,088 vacancies have been mobilized through the NCS portal in Gujarat.

In 2021-22, Lakshadweep had India's highest urban unemployment rate (UR), with 21.1% for individuals aged 15 and above, based on the usual status method. The following year, 2022-23, saw Jharkhand take the lead with a 4.1% unemployment rate.

In 2023-24, Meghalaya emerged at the top with a slightly lower rate of 14.0%. These figures reflect the ongoing challenges in addressing urban unemployment across various regions in India.

Kumaon mountains welcome migratory birds

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun



A large congregation of migratory birds has been spotted in the marshy and clear water areas of the lush Terai region of Kumaon in Uttarakhand, much to the delight of avid bird watchers. As these feathered visitors arrive for their seasonal visit, the Forest Department is taking significant steps to ensure their safety.

According to sources in the forest department, "Patrols are being conducted by boat in the larger lakes to prevent any hunting incidents." These measures are part of a comprehensive plan aimed at safeguarding the birds during their stay in the region. The arrival of these migratory guests has been a highlight this winter. Himanshu Bagri, the Divisional forest officer (DFO) of Eastern Terai, told TNIE,

"Every year during the winter, these migratory birds travel approximately 6,000 to 10,000 kilometres from Europe, Iran, Afghanistan, Russia, and Siberia to reach various locations, including Gularbhoj, Sharda, Baigul, Nanakmatta, Dhura, and Ramnagar. The arrival that began in November is now at its peak."

DFO Bagri further stated, "Mallard, Northern Pintail, Eurasian Teal, Red-Crested Pochard, Common Pochard, Ferruginous Duck, Tufted Duck, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Common Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, and Ferruginous Pochard have arrived from abroad." He added, "These migratory birds from the high Himalayas include the Asian Woolly-Necked Stork, Asian Openbill Stork, Common Kingfisher, White-Throated Kingfisher, Grey Heron, and Bar-Headed Goose."

In conversation with this reporter, Senior Wildlife Biologist of the Western Circle Forest Department, Prashant Kumar, emphasized the importance of maintaining clean rivers and dams to protect migratory birds arriving in India. He stated, "Instructions have been issued to ensure that the cleanliness of rivers and dams is maintained so that it does not impact the safety and breeding of these migratory birds."

Kumar shared an intriguing insight regarding these foreign guests. He stated, "These migratory birds stay in India for four months, but they mate only with their own species. While they interact, play, and fly with Indian birds, their mating is strictly limited to their own kind." This behaviour has also been corroborated by American scientists in their research. Prashant describes this tendency of migratory birds as a natural instinct.

He highlighted the complexities of migratory bird interactions. He explained, "These birds inhabit different geographic areas and have distinct feeding and nesting habits, leading to rare encounters."

He noted that competition often arises instead of mating, as "the male may sing the 'wrong' song or display incorrect markings, leaving females unresponsive or frightened." Additionally, differing activity patterns and physical incompatibilities further hinder mating.

Kumar emphasized that while cross-species mating can occur, fertilization often fails due to chromosomal mismatches, resulting in non-viable embryos.

Complaint lodged as school teacher abducted, forced to marry in Katihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A 30-year-old schoolteacher was allegedly kidnapped and forced to marry a 25-year-old girl in Bihar's Katihar district on Friday, reminiscent of the decades-old practice of 'Pakadua vivah' (forced marriage) prevalent in the state.

Avnish Kumar, posted as an assistant teacher at a government school in Katihar district, was allegedly kidnapped by two SUV-borne people when he was on his way to school by an e-rickshaw. The SUV stopped near a temple, where the girl Gunjan Kumari's relatives of the girl were present at the temple where Avnish was forced to perform rituals under threat.

Later, the couple left for Avnish's native village in Begusarai district. But the groom escaped before his native town, Rajaura Sikandarpur, under Mufassil police station in Begusarai district.

The girl and her relatives reached Avnish's house, but the family refused to accept her as their daughter-in-law.

As the situation took an ugly turn, the girl reached Mufassil police station and sought police intervention.

In her complaint, Gunjan alleged that she was in a 'relationship' with Avanish for over four years. She met him at her elder sister's house, where Avnish used to teach students as a tutor. She said that Avnish started ignoring her ever since he was appointed as a teacher in a government school through the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC TRE-2) and posted in Katihar.

She claimed she visited Katihar whenever Avnish called her and returned to her sister's house after spending three to four days with him. She alleged that Avnish established a physical relationship with her on several occasions on the pretext of marriage.

Avnish's father, Sudhakar Roy, was summoned by the Mufassil police after the girl formally submitted a written complaint and requested the SHO, Arvind Kumar Gautam, to forward the matter to the Mahila Helpline for counselling.

Avnish told the media that he had already informed the Katihar superintendent of police about his kidnapping and subsequent forced marriage. "The marriage was solemnized against my wishes, and rituals were performed under threat," he added. A case of kidnapping for marriage and physical assault has been lodged in Katihar, he said.

'In relationship for over four years'

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients have agreed to purchase the property, which is more fully described in the schedule herein below from **Sri. A. Laduram Dungarwal.** Any person or authority having any right/claim of any nature over the schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/objection in writing to the undersigned **within 7 days** hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of dry agricultural land measuring 3 acres 20 guntas out of 4 acres in Sy.No.47/1 (old Sy.No.47) of Sonnappanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the: **East by:** Land of Southegowda, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Land of Munishamegowda, **South by:** Land of Malurappa

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **D. RAMESH KUMAR** S/o Devappa, R/at No. 21, 4th Cross, Parvathi Nagar, Princeton Public School, Medahalli, Virgonagar, Bangalore – 560 049 is the absolute owner of the **Residential building bearing New Municipal No. 19/1, PID No. 75-58-19/1,** situated at Nandanavanam 'D' Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore, measuring on the East side 15 Feet 04 Inches + 10 Feet; on the West side 25 Feet 04 Inches; on the North side 20 Feet 08 Inches + 04 Feet 01 Inch and on the South side 24 Feet 09 Inches, totally measuring 586 Sq. Ft., (approx.) and bounded on: **East by:** D.M. Beerappa's property bearing Mun. No. 19; **West by:** Road (Nandanavanam 'D' Street); **North by:** Passage of 04 Feet 01 Inch in width belongs to D.M. Beerappa and thereafter property belongs to Venkataramanaiah and **South by :** Private Property belongs to Kandappa Maistry and he has misplaced/lost the Original Sale Deed dated 03.01.1974 executed by Smt. Sakamma in favour of Sri P. Channappa, Document No. 3376/1973-74, Book I, Volume 1779, at pages 222 to 224, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, registered on 24.01.1974 is not traceable. In this regard the said **Sri D. Ramesh Kumar has lodged a Police Complaint on 04.12.2024 before Police Sub-Inspector, Bangalore City.** If the said Original Sale Deed is found by any person/s, they are hereby requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address.

D. RAMESH KUMAR, R/at No. 21, 4th Cross, Parvathi Nagar, Princeton Public School, Medahalli, Virgonagar, Bangalore – 560049, Ph: 98450 58680 (M)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to Sri.K Jayachandran, Son of Sri.Appuni K, aged about 53 years, Residing at No:57, Third Main Road, Moodalapalya Kalyananagar, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072.

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the entire vacant site bearing BDA No.649, situated at Eighth Block, Further Extension of Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, PID No.4312081264, within the limits and administration of Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore and bounded on the :

East by : Road;
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North by : Site bearing BDA No:650;
South by : Site bearing BDA No:648;
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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE PRL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT NELAMANGALA
C.Misc. No. 402/2024

PETITIONER: 1. Smt. Muniyamma, W/o Chikkarangaiah, aged about 62 years, R/at Kallupalya village, Kottagere Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District, **2. Smt. Gangamma,** D/o late Thimmarayappa, aged about 59 years, R/at Mantanakurchi village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, **3. Sri. Vijaykumar .K,** S/o Krishnappa, aged about 34 years, R/at Nallayyana Polyo, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk
-V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Thasildar, (Registrar of Births and Deaths), Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner No.1 & 2's Father and Petitioner No.3's Grandfather by name **THIMMARAYAPPA,** Son of Late Munishamaiah was died on 20.11.1980 at Nallayyanapalya, Mantanakurchi (Prekle, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **24-01-2025** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11:00 AM** Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 12-12-2024
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala

Advocate for Petitioner: **RAVICHANDRA**
Off No. 2nd floor, 3rd Cross, Dasjeer layout, Sondekoppa Main Road, NELAMANGALA- 562123.

DOCUMENTS LOST

Public are informed that my client **Sri Yaregowda C.N,** S/o Late Narasimhayya, R/at Chikkanahalli Village, Kebalinganahalli Post, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562 114, hereby inform that original documents i.e., (1) Registered Trust Deed of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Prasanna Educational Trust same was Registered on 18/8/2023 the document No. HSK-4-00280-2023-24 in book No.4, registered in the Sub Registerar, Hosakote (2) Registered Partition Deed dated 8/7/2021 between my client and My Family members, registered on 15/07/2021 the Document No.HSK-1-02560-2021-22, stored in CD No.HSKD1296, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Hosakote. (3) Registered Lease Deed 06/10/203 executed between my client and Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Prasanna Educational Trust, registered on 11/10/2023, as Document No.HSK-1-09702-2023-24 of Book 1 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hosakote, which have been lost while traveling in Bus on 06/12/2024. On 09/12/2024 my client has also lodged a complaint before the jurisdictional police for tracing of the said documents vide E-lost complaint. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me to the above said address within in 7 days from this day to the undersigned.

Sd/- **K.S. RAGHAVENDRA,** Advocates
M/s. LAW ASSOCIATES
No.40/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross , Achaiah Setty Layout, RMV Extension, Bangalore 560 080.
Phone No.9845219783

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, AT BENGALURU
M. C. No. 5420 of 2023

BETWEEN: AKSHATHA .R.K, D/o. Raju Kohalli, Aged about 22 years, No. 104, Renaissance Woods 2, JB Kaval Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560015. ... **PETITIONER**
AND: KUMAR .M, S/o. late Murugendra Yadahalli, aged about 35 years, Residing at: No. 168, 5th cross, GBJ Quarters, Marthahalli, Bangalore. ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above case as against the Respondent for the purpose of Declaring the marriage between the herein above parties as null and void.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through a pleader on the **15/02/2025** at **11:00 A.M.,** to represent in the said matter, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 30/11/2024

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general publics are hereby notified that my client is intended to purchase the Schedule Property from, **Smt.Sakamma,** claimed to be absolute owner of the Schedule Land and my client has already entered into an agreement of sale on 29.11.2024. The owner claimed that it has not been pledged or mortgaged or charged or there is no pending litigation or the schedule land has not been sold to anyone or not even entered with any agreement of sale and there is no impediment for sale of the Schedule Land to the intending purchasers.

Any person or persons having any claims/objections for the said transactions of sale or and lodge their claims/objections, if any, with documentary evidence within **Ten Days (10 days)** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter, my clients shall proceed to complete the transaction from the Owner and any claims received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE LAND

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing previous Survey No.1/P19, Subsequently renumbered as Survey No.1/P18, present Survey No. 1, measuring 2 Acres 10 Guntas, situated at: Byadarahalli Village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded as follows:-

East by : Gomala Land Sy No.1,
West by : Sy. No. 4,
North by : Lake,
South by : Gomala Land Sy No.1.

RAGHAVENDRA G. GAYATRI, Advocate, No.22, 2nd Floor, Near G.B.S. Reddy Petrol Bunk, Nehru Circle, Nehru Nagar, (Sheshadripuram), Bangalore-560 020. PH:080-23564231/9880033254.

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4. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A' & Special Class.
5. Tender paper cost : Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site. : From 30.12.2024 to 17.30 Hours of 15.01.2025
7. Date of opening of bid : Dt.16.01.2025 at 11.00 Hours.
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Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission	**06.01.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.**

For further details, visit website **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. **Chief General Manager (Elect.),** C-4 District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that, under the instructions of our client, we are investigating the clarity and marketability of the title of 1) Mr. Shashikant Shambhulal Jariwala S/o. Late Shambhulal Nagindas, 2) Mrs. Minaxi Shashikant, 3) Ms. Mitali Shashikant Jariwala, 4) Mr. Tushar Shashikant Jariwala, 5) Mr. Rudresh Shashikant Jariwala, being joint residents of Door No: 12, 3rd Cross, N. S. Iyengar Street, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru – 560020, who are the joint owner of agricultural Lands bearing 1) Survey number 40 measuring 0 Acre and 14 Guntas situated in Upparahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North District, BENGALURU, 2) Survey number 50 measuring 0 Acer and 37 Guntas, 3) Survey number 52 measuring 0 Acer and 5 Guntas, 4) Survey number 53 measuring 0 Acre and 21 Guntas and 5) Survey number 54 measuring 0 Acres and 34 Guntas situated in Sanna Ammanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North District, BENGALURU and totaling to 2 Acre and 31 Guntas.

ALL PERSONS including individuals, Hindu undivided family, companies, banks, financial institution(s), non banking financial institution(s), firms, association of persons or a body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any benefits, objection, demand, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Land or any part or portion thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, oral Hiba, trust, inheritance, succession, family arrangement / settlement, bequest, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, license, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, partnership, right of way, lis-pendens, decree or order of any judicial / quasi judicial authority, reservation, contracts / agreement, power of attorney, option, FSI consumption, right of first refusal, any pre emption or any liability or commitment or otherwise of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned advocates at the address mentioned below within a period of 10 (ten) days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or right, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived off and/or abandoned and our client stands discharged of any such liability accruing thereof.

Dated on this 14th day of December 2024

Mr. SANGAMESH R.B. Mobile: 98456 40594
Mr. C.S. GIRISH, Mobile: 98452 51493
ADVOCATES,
Chambers: # 551, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Near BDA Complex, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Regional Office West

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram
15th Cross, Bangalore-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, Regional Office West** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem S/o Mr Abdul Kareem, **2)Mrs Fathima Aqsa** W/o Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem, **both are residing at:** #2/1, 2nd Floor, Stephens Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005 Karnataka.

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Sl. No	Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Amount In Rs	Liability with Interest as on date 09.12.2024	Rate of Interest
1	160002293767 HOUSING LOAN TO NR1s	28.03.2024	Rs 1,10,00,000/-	Rs.1,11,92,183.32	9.50%pa
[Details of liability/ies availed by the Borrower which is linked to the property]					
2	164004300683 CANARA HOME LOAN SECURE		Rs.3,33,988/-		9.35%pa

Total Liability Amount: Rs.1,11,92,183.32 (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Three and Thirty Two Paise Only) as on **Date 09.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 03.12.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2024**

Name of the title holder : Mr. Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem.

Details of Immovable Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of the house bearing new municipal No 3, earlier No 3/1(old No 3), eastern portion, situated at 18th B Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bangalore- 560 008, BBMP PID No 82-67-3 with 266 sq feet building in ground floor, 266 sq feet building in the first floor RCC building with mosaic flooring and cement mortar wall doors and windows made of honne wood and steel measuring East to West 25 feet, North to South 20 feet, Totally measuring 500 sq feet and Bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Nanjappa's property, North by: Kashinath's property, South by: Nanjappa's property.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 14.12.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notice sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors: 1. Lakshmi W/o Anand L, **2. Anand L** S/o Lakshman, **Both are residing at:** No.50, 4th Cross, Indiranagar, Near Modi Hospital, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. Karnataka.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Amount	Date of Sanction	Liability with interest as on Date 08.12.2024	Rate of Interest
0428974 0000244	OSL-SYNDNIVAS NEW CONSTRUCTION	Rs. 16,00,000/-	06.07.2017	Rs.17,76,362.14	8.9% p.a
[Details of liability/ies availed by the Borrower which is linked to the property]					
	06679790000199 OSL-SYNDVAHAN		Rs. 4,96,533.40		8.10% p.a

Total Liability Amount: Rs.17,76,362.14 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Two and Fourteen Paise Only) as on 08.12.2024 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 29.05.2022 **Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2024**

Details of Security Assets

Name of Title Holder : Mrs. Lakshmi W/o Anand L Mr. Anand L S/o Lakshman Site No.476, carved out of Sy No.199, situated at BBMP Ward No.130, Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Measuring East to West 39 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1170 Sq Ft, along with AC Sheet Roofed Building Standing Thereon and Bounded As Under: East by: Property belonging to Smt Nagaratnamma, West by: Road, North by: Property Belonging to Smt Lakshmamma, South by : Property belonging to Sri Hanumanthappa.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 14.12.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby notified that our client **Mr.Manjesh.P** S/o B.Puttamadaiah, residing at No.14/15, Bell Belagu, 1st Main, 6th cross, ISRO Layout, Next to Akashganga Apartment, Bengaluru-560111, is the absolute owner of property bearing Site No.22, Khatha No.25, BBMP Katha No.322/25/22, Situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: Northern side:40ft, Southern side:45ft and North to South:60feet and he is mortgaging the below said schedule property in favour of ANAND RATI GLOBAL FINANCE LTD.

If any person objecting to the proposed mortgage or having any right, title, interest or charge over the schedule property may raise their objections and /or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication, it is requested to the general public to intimate the same address given below, And if any objections /or any claims received thereafter will not be binding, our client will proceed to mortgage the below mentioned schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.22, Khatha No.25, Situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: Northern side:40ft, Southern side:45ft and North to South:60feet and bounded on the; **East by :** Road, **West by:** Remaining portion of the same property No.25, **North by :** Road:, **South by :** Site no.21

Place: Bengaluru **Date :** 14.12.2024
S A LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocate & Legal Consultants
Off.: #29/1, Old No.54, G Floor, Nanjappa Road. K.H.Road Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru 560027.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS GROUP

SALE OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF NEWSPRINT WASTES

SEALED tenders are invited in the prescribed form for the purchase of various categories of newsprint Wastes viz., Reel End Waste, Cut Waste, Empty Core, White Waste, Print Waste, Jelly and Side Disc Wrapper as detailed in the tender form for the quarter **Jan'2025 to Mar' 2025.**

The tender forms (non-transferable) can be obtained from the Manager of the Branch at : **NO.1, QUEEN'S ROAD, BENGALURU-560001** on payment of Rs.25/- payable through Demand Draft favoring EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS (MADURAI) PRIVATE LTD. or by Cash to be paid at Cash Counter at Branch Offices.

Last date for receipt of sealed tender in our office is **31.12.24** till **6.00 p.m.** The tenders received after the due date and time will not be entertained.

Operations. Commercial
Express Publications (Madurai) Private Ltd.,
Express Gardens,
29 Second Main Road,
Industrial Estate, Ambattur,
Chennai-600058.
Phone : 23457601, Fax : 23457619/20
Date : 15.12.2024

MAHAVITARAN e-Bidding Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) is inviting Medium Term bids for Procurement of 1000 MW for (3 Years)through lumpsum Tariff competitive bidding process on e-Bidding portal (website htttps://www.mstcecommerce.com). The Schedule of bid process is as follows;

Particulars	Date	Time
Availability of bid document on portal	13.12.2024	20.00 Hrs
Pre-bid meeting	27.12.2024	11.00 Hrs
Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bids	16.01.2025	11.00 Hrs
Opening of Technical Bids	16.01.2025	12.00 Hrs

For more details of Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT), please visit to htttps:// **www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Power Purchase)
MSEDCL, Prakashgad, Mumbai.
Tel: 022-26474211

PRN No. 274/24

Indian Overseas Bank

REGIONAL OFFICE - SALEM : 7/54, Ideal Garden Complex (2nd Floor) Five Roads, Salem, Tamil Nadu - 636 004. Phone : 0427-2448440, 2448690, 2448540

MEGA E-AUCTION SALE ON 30-12-2024
FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6(2) & Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Guarantors (s) and Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable/ movable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", AS IS WHAT IS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition **on 30.12.2024** between **11.00 AM and 12.00 PM** through **website : https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration** and **(https://baanknet.com/)** towards recovery of Bank's secured debts together with cost, charges and future interest thereon and details of the e-Auction are furnished below.

The interested bidders can participate in the E-Auction after remitting 10% of the Reserve Price mentioned against the respective auction property as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

THIMMAPURAM BRANCH : 5/196, Salem Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Thimmapuram PO, Kaveripattinam Taluk, Thimmapuram-635112.

1) M/s. Sri Krishna Match Industries, Represented by its Prop. Mr. P. Krishnan, S.No.617/B1, Door No.3/362, Mittahalli Village, M. Sowlur, Mittahalli Panchayath, Opp. Dhorathi Amman Temple, Kaveripattinam, Krishnagiri Dist., PIN- 635112. **2) Mr.P.Krishnan,** S/o. Mr. N. Perumal, No.48/3, 2nd Cross, Ejipura, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka 560047

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : 20.00 Cents or 8712 Sq.Ft., of land with building there on (3993.99 Sq.ft) situated at Sy.No.617/B1, Mittahalli Village, M.Sowlur, Mittahalli Panchayath, Opp. Dhorathi Amman Temple, Kaveripattinam, Krishnagiri Dist standing in the name of Mr.P.Krishnan within the following boundaries; East: Land Well of Perumal; West: Remaining land of Perumal and; North: Remaining Land of Perumal and South: Palacode Main Road.

Amount Outstanding : Rs.18,36,805/- (as on 09.12.2024)	Reserve Price Rs.44,18,400/-	EMD Rs.4,41,840/-	BID Multiplier Rs.50,000/-	Contact : Mrs.Vani Mob : 8925950968

Auction / bidding will initially be for a period of **10 (Ten)** Minutes with auto extension time of **10 (Ten)** minutes each till the sale is concluded. During the e-auction, bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be of **Rs.50,000/-** to the last higher bid of the bidders. **** The H-1 bidder should close the Auction/Bid with at least one bid, i.e., Increment over and above the Reserve Price amount as mentioned in the sale notice. For known and unknown encumbrances, if any, it is the responsibility of the bidders to enquire on their own and Bank will not bear any responsibility in this regard. In the property value quoted under the Reserve Price is exclusive of the 1% TDS amount. Whereever, the H-1 bid amount is more than Rs.50.00 lakhs, the H-1 bidder/ purchaser should bear the 1% TDS on the H-1 bid amount and pay the 1% TDS into the PAN account of the owner/s of the auction property. Bank dues have priority over any other dues with reference to the property auctioned herein mentioned.** For the terms and conditions, please visit our web portal **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration,** details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. Platform **(https://baanknet.com/)** for e-auction will be provided by service provider M/s. PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd., having Registered office at Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East, Mumbai - 400037 (contact Phone Number 8291220220 operation time of Help desk: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm). The intending Bidders /Purchasers are required to participate in the e-auction process at e-auction Service Provider's website **https://baanknet.com/**

PLACE : Thimmapuram
DATE : 10-12-2024 **Authorised Officer**

People gather to celebrate after South Korea's parliament voted to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol in Seoul on Saturday | AP

S Korea president impeached over martial law bid

Ruling party lawmakers back motion to impeach Yoon as public protests intensify

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea's parliament on Saturday impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol over his stunning and short-lived martial law decree, a move that ended days of political paralysis but set up an intense debate over Yoon's fate, as jubilant crowds roared to celebrate another defiant moment in the country's resilient democracy.

The National Assembly passed the motion 204-85. Yoon's presidential powers and duties were subsequently suspended and Prime Minister Han Duck-soo, the country's No 2 official, took over presidential powers later Saturday.

The Constitutional Court has up to 180 days to determine whether to dismiss Yoon as president or restore his powers. If he's thrown out of office, a national election to choose his successor must be held within 60 days.

It was the second National Assembly vote on Yoon's impeachment after ruling party lawmakers boycotted it last Saturday. Some People Power Party lawmakers had since said they would vote for Yoon's impeachment as public protests intensified and his approval rating plummeted.

National Assembly Speaker Woo Won Shik said Yoon's impeachment was an outcome driven by "the people's ardent desire for democracy, courage and dedication."

Hundreds of thousands of people gathered near the parliament roared in jubilation, waved banners and brandished colourful K-pop glow sticks, as a lead activist shouted on stage, "We have preserved the constitutional order!"

In a central Seoul plaza, another huge crowd gathered supporting Yoon, but they grew subdued after hearing he had been impeached. Both rallies have largely been peaceful.

The new leader bolsters the country's security posture Yoon issued a statement saying he would "never give up" and calling for officials to maintain stability in government functions during what he described as a "temporary" pause of his presidency. *AP*

US, Turkey, Arab diplomats discuss Syria transition

AMMAN

TOP diplomats from the United States, the Arab League and Turkey are meeting in Jordan to discuss how to assist Syria's transition after the fall of Bashar Assad's government a week ago.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken joined foreign ministers and senior officials from the European Union and United Nations in Jordan on Saturday to try to find consensus on what Syria's new leadership should prioritise. No Syrian representatives were set to attend.

Blinken said broad consensus exists among regional partners that Syria's new government must be inclusive, must respect women and minority rights, reject terrorism and secure and destroy suspected Assad-era chemical weapons stockpiles. The collapse of the Assad family's more than half-century of rule has sparked new fears of instability in a region already shaken by the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and hostilities between Israel and the Lebanon-based Hezbollah despite a tenuous ceasefire.

UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pederson said: "What is so critical in Syria is that we see a credible and inclusive political process that brings together all communities in Syria. And the second point is that we need to make sure that state institutions do not collapse."

Meanwhile, Turkey reopened its embassy in Syria on Saturday, becoming the first country to do so since the end of Assad's rule.

The Syrian insurgents who overthrew Assad had received vital help from Turkey.

The Turkish flag was raised above the compound in Damascus for the first time since diplomatic ties were cut in 2012. The embassy suspended operations 12 years ago due to insecurity during the civil war.

Several countries maintained diplomatic ties with Assad's government during the 13-year conflict, while others reopened their diplomatic missions in recent years. *AFP*

EX-MAN CITY STRIKER

The Georgian Dream party nominated Mikheil Kavelashvili, a former Premier League player, for the presidential post

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Kavelashvili is known for his vehement anti-West diatribes and opposition to LGBTQ rights. He was a striker in the Premier League for Manchester City and in several clubs in the Swiss Super League

2016 when he was first elected to Georgian parliament

2022 when he co-founded the People's Power political movement, which has become known for its strong anti-Western rhetoric

Kavelashvili becomes Georgia's prez in blow to its EU aspirations

TBILISI

FORMER soccer player Mikheil Kavelashvili became president of Georgia on Saturday, as the ruling party tightened its grip in what the opposition calls a blow to the country's EU aspirations and a victory for former imperial ruler Russia.

Kavelashvili, 53, easily won the vote given the Georgian Dream party's control of a 300-seat electoral college that replaced direct presidential elections in 2017.

Georgian Dream retained control of parliament in the South Caucasus nation in an October 26 election that the opposition alleges was rigged with Moscow's help.

Georgia's outgoing president and main pro-Western parties have since boycotted parliamentary sessions and demanded a rerun of the ballot.

Georgian Dream has vowed to continue pushing toward EU accession but also wants to "reset" ties with Russia.

In 2008, Russia fought a brief war with Georgia, which led to Moscow's recognition of two breakaway regions as independent, and an increase in the Russian military presence in South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Critics have accused Georgian Dream established by Bidzina Ivanishvili, a shadowy billionaire who made his fortune in Russia of becoming increasingly authoritarian and tilted toward Moscow, accusations the ruling party has denied. The party recently pushed through laws similar to those used by the Kremlin to crack down on freedom of speech and LGBTQ+ rights.

Pro-Western Salome Zourabichvili has been president since 2018 and has vowed to stay on after her six-year term ends Monday, describing herself as the only legitimate leader until a new election is held. Georgian Dream's decision last month to suspend talks on their country's bid to join the European Union added to the opposition's outrage and galvanized protests.

Zourabichvili, 72, was born in France to parents with Georgian roots and had a successful career with the French Foreign Ministry before President Mikheil Saakashvili named her Georgia's top diplomat in 2004. *AP*

Mikheil Kavelashvili poses for photos at Georgian parliament after being elected as the country's new president on Saturday | AFP

Author of controversial foreign funding law

Mikheil Kavelashvili was one of the authors of a controversial law requiring organisations that receive more than 20% of their funding from abroad to register as "pursuing the interest of a foreign power," similar to a Russian law used to discredit organisations critical of the government

US court denies TikTok request to stop ban

WASHINGTON

A federal appeals court has left in place a mid-January deadline in a federal law requiring TikTok to be sold or face a ban in the United States, rejecting a request made by the company to halt enforcement until the Supreme Court reviews its challenge of the statute.

Attorneys for TikTok and its China-based parent company, ByteDance, are expected to appeal to the Supreme Court.

It is unclear if the nation's highest court will take up the case, though some legal experts have said they expect the justices to weigh in due to the types of novel questions it raises about social media, national security and the First Amendment.

TikTok is also looking for a potential lifeline from President-elect Donald Trump, who promised to 'save' the short-form video platform during the presidential campaign.

Attorneys for TikTok and ByteDance had requested the injunction after a panel of three judges on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit sided with the US government and rejected their challenge to the law.

The statute, which was signed by President Joe Biden earlier this year, requires ByteDance to sell TikTok to an approved buyer due to national security concerns or face a ban in the US. *AP*

Indian-origin OpenAI whistleblower found dead

NEW YORK

A 26-year-old Indian-origin former employee of the artificial intelligence giant OpenAI has died by suicide in San Francisco, authorities said.

Suchir Balaji was found dead inside his Buchanan Street apartment in Californian city of San Francisco on November 26 on Thanksgiving Day.

The medical examiner's office determined the manner of death to be suicide and police officials said there is "currently, no evidence of foul play".

"The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has identified the decedent as Suchir Balaji, 26, of San Francisco," the office's Executive Director David Serrano Sewell said.

Suchir Balaji

"The manner of death has been determined to be suicide. The OCME has notified the next-of-kin and has no further comment or reports for publication at this time."

Balaji spoke to the Times in October, saying he was one of the researchers who worked gathering data to train OpenAI's programmes like GPT4, which users interact with through the chatbot ChatGPT.

Balaji was known for whistleblowing the blockbuster artificial intelligence company which is facing a swell of lawsuits over its business model.

Balaji's death comes three months after he publicly accused OpenAI of violating US copyright law while developing ChatGPT. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Time for US Congress to act on B'desh: Thanedar

Washington: Raising the issue of attacks over minority Hindus in Bangladesh, Indian-American Congressman Shri Thanedar has said that the time has come for the US Congress to act. "The crowds of the majority have destroyed Hindu temples, Hindu deities and Hindus who are practising their religion in peace," Thanedar said on the floor of the US House of Representatives on Wednesday. "The time has now come for the United States Congress to act and the US government to act ... every possible tool in our hands needs to be used to ensure that such atrocities...stop right away," he said. Indian-Americans recently held a march in Washington over the alleged attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh

Mysterious drones fuel conspiracy theories in US

Chatham: That buzzing coming out of New Jersey? It's unclear if it's drones or something else, but for sure the nighttime sightings are producing tons of talk, a raft of conspiracy theories and craned necks looking skyward. Cropping up on local news and social media sites around Thanksgiving, the saga of the drones reported over New Jersey has reached incredible heights. This week seems to have begun a new, higher-profile chapter: Lawmakers are demanding (but so far not getting) explanations from federal and state authorities about what's behind them. Some theorise the drones came from an Iranian mothership. Others worry about China

Trump hosts Apple CEO at his Florida resort

WEST PALAM BEACH

DONALD Trump hosted Apple CEO Tim Cook for a Friday evening dinner at the president-elect's Mar-a-Lago resort, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Cook is the latest in a string of big tech leaders including OpenAI's Sam Altman, Meta's Mark Zuckerberg and Amazon's Jeff Bezos who have sought to improve their standing with the incoming president after choppy relations during his first term.

Trump has said he has spoken with Cook about the company's long-running tax battles with the European Union.

The meeting comes less than two months after Trump said he spoke to Cook by phone, and soon after Apple lost its last appeal in a dispute with the EU over 13 billion euros ($14.34 billion) in back taxes to Ireland.

"He said the European Union has just fined us $15 billion," Trump recalled of his conversation with Cook, in an October interview with podcaster Patrick Bet-David. The decision by the EU top court was the finale to a dispute that centred on sweetheart deals that Dublin was offering to attract multinational businesses with minimal taxes across the 27-nation bloc. The European Commission in 2016 ruled that Ireland granted Apple unlawful aid that Ireland was required to recover.

Trump's transition team and Apple did not immediately respond to a request for comment about his dinner with Cook.

OpenAI CEO Altman is planning to make a $1 million personal donation to Trump's inauguration fund, the company confirmed Friday. Amazon and Metaconfirmed this week they had each donated $1 million to Trump's inaugural fund. *AP*

Donald Trump

Tim Cook

Don vows to abolish daylight saving time in US

President-elect Donald Trump has said his Republican Party will "use its best efforts" to eliminate daylight saving time in the US as it is inconvenient and costly to the nation. In the United States, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. The time changes take place at 2.00 am local time. In a post on his social media site Truth Social on Friday, Trump said, "The Republican Party will use its best efforts to eliminate Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time is inconvenient, and very costly to our Nation"

Woman, 5-yr-old girl among 10 dead in Israeli air strike: Gaza officials

JENIN

PALESTINIAN medical officials say at least 10 people were killed Saturday in an Israeli air strike that apparently targeted a municipal meeting in central Gaza.

The officials said the strike hit the municipality complex for Deir al-Balah city as officials from central and southern Gaza met to coordinate how to receive vehicles provided by the United Arab Emirates.

The complex includes a building used by the Hamas-run interior ministry and is surrounded by a public market, which was crowded when the strike occurred.

Among the dead were a mother and her 5-year-old daughter, according to al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital and an AP journalist at the morgue. The dead also include Diab al-Garu, head of the Deir al-Balah municipality, the hospital said.

In West Babk, clashes between Palestinian security forces and militants on Saturday killed one man, a medical source told AFP, with Hamas identifying him as a fighter.

Fighting is usually rare between militants and Palestinian Authority (PA) security personnel, who exercise limited authority in the Israeli-occupied territory.

But for more than a week, the northern West Bank city of Jenin has seen intense violence, after the PA — which coordinates security matters with Israel — had arrested several militants. Several wounded people, both militants and PA personnel, also arrived at the hospital, said the source. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

PREZ WANTS TO SCRAP LOCAL ELECTIONS

Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto has suggested scrapping regional elections to cut costs. At present, Indonesia elects president, national and regional legislatures in one election and governors and mayors in a separate regional election. Subianto has proposed to scrap the regional elections and let members of regional legislatures elect governors and mayors. Usman Hamid, executive director of Amnesty International Indonesia, told The Financial Times, "I don't think they (public) will agree that their rights should be removed"

SINGAPORE

ISLANDWIDE DEFENCE DRILL IN FEB: REPORT

The second edition of the islandwide Total Defence is set to be held in February. The inaugural exercise in February saw simulated cyber and drone attacks. The 2025 edition will likely simulate some form of large-scale disruptions, *The Straits Times* reported quoting the government agency responsible for Total Defence

THAILAND

TWO HELD OVER BLAST AT FESTIVAL

Authorities in Thailand have arrested two men following a bomb blast at a festival near the border with Myanmar that killed three people and wounded dozens, police said on Saturday. An improvised explosive device went off on a dance floor at a festival in Umphang district in Thailand's northern Tak province on Friday night. Two people were killed instantly and another died later in hospital. Thai police said they had arrested a Thai youth and a man they said was a member of an ethnic minority rebel group that has fought the Myanmar military for decades

₹2 Lakh collateral-free loan limit for farmers the RBI has increased from ₹1.6 lakh, effective January 1, 2025

Reserve Bank needs to take extra care when it comes to digital lenders, says KV Kamath

'Can't let big biz into banking yet'

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

KUNDAPUR Vaman Kamath, the veteran banker who led the rapid growth of ICICI Bank and helmed it for nearly two decades from its inception and make the largest private sector lender within few years, has spoken against allowing corporate houses into banking space, saying the regulator has to be satisfied that they will not misuse public deposits through the backdoor.

Kamath, who also headed New Development Bank, the developmental bank floated by the BRICS groups as its first chairman, said the Reserve Bank needs to take extra care when it comes to digital lenders, saying there are more than enough signs of rash behaviour by them.

"The primary regulatory purpose of banking is to ensure the safety of depositors' money. So, a little more time is still needed for corporates to be allowed into the banking sector. Because before letting corporates into the banking space, the RBI has to ensure that they will not use the deposits they collect from the public for their (corporates') own funding needs. The regulator must first feel comfort in their presence and behaviours," Kamath, the chairman of Jio Financial Services, the yet-to-be-operational financial services arm of Reliance Industries, said while talking at the Lalit Doshi memorial lecture here over the weekend.

On a question on fintech turning themselves as banks, he warned that there are signs of rash behaviour by some of them.

"I am seeing some signs of rash behaviour by some digital lenders. I'm being very frank about it...on the part of digitally-driven enterprises, I think, the RBI will have to manage with great care," he said.

He also spoke against the calls for privatisation of more state-run banks.

"If the state-run banks have return 15-20% on their equity (RoE) why should they be noted allowed to thrive? Where is the room for privatisation with such good return? But of course he said they need to be given more operational freedom.

Kamath said most public sector banks are self-sufficient now when it comes to capital and can match their private peers on technological capabilities.

Early in the year, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said privatisation of public sector undertakings was very much on the table and the government was committed to do it but the timing will be decided later by the Cabinet.

But he batted for more banks and more so more large banks which could happen either through amalgamation or rapid growth, which is a must if the economy has to double from what it is today.

"The first step to reach the target of an $8 trillion economy (over the next decade or so) would be to have a lot of large banks. Our banks need to bulk up and the size of banks that we have today will have to expand dramatically. The good news is that our banks are having an RoE upwards of 15 percent and this is good enough to grow at a healthy rate and meet the size of bulking up," he said.

It can be noted that while for the public sector banks the RoE chart over their private sector peers, with SBI leading it with 20.8%. But private sector banks lead in return on assets (RoAs) with 1.70-2.40%, which for public sector ones is only 0.70-1.13%. Return on equity (RoE) of private players is much lower at than their public counterparts.

The RoE of state-owned banks was in the range of 13.50-21% in Q1FY25 compared to 13.50-17.70% range for private banks.

Among state-owned banks, Indian Bank had the highest RoA of 1.20% in the first quarter, followed by State Bank of India at 1.10%. Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India and Canara Bank reported RoAs of over 1 percent.

Like RoA, RoE is also a measure of a bank's ability to churn profits. While RoA weighs profits against the assets of a bank, RoE indicates how a bank or company has utilised shareholders' funds to generate profits.

State Bank of India reported the highest RoE of 20.98% in Q1FY25, followed by 20.88% by Canara Bank, 19.76% by Indian Bank, and 17.45% by Bank of Baroda. In the private bank space, ICICI Bank reported an RoE of 17.70% in the April-June quarter, and Axis Bank, 16.68%.

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A NOTE OF CAUTION

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Govt banks' ROE much higher than Pvt peers

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KAMATH ALSO SPOKE AGAINST THE CALLS FOR PRIVATISATION OF MORE STATE-RUN BANKS

NEWSCOPE

CEO KILLER IS US' NEW ANTI-HERO

GURBIR SINGH

US thought leaders are struggling to deal with the fallout of the killing of Brian Thompson, CEO of the insurer United Healthcare. The suspect, Luigi Mangione 26, who has millions of page views as a hooded assassin, and now as a protesting detainee in an orange jumpsuit, has become a cult hero on social media. Some see him as a Robin Hood out to teach the mean insurance companies a lesson; and legions of girls are swooning over his smiles and six-packs.

Even as the police collect evidence in what seems to be a watertight case of premediated murder, donations have poured in from online supporters. So far, $50,000 has been collected through the GiveSendGo fundraiser.

A post on Redditt said: "It's not going to get better any time soon. As long as corporations are considered people, and money is considered free speech, we are stuck in this dystopian hell we call healthcare."

Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania, where Mangione was arrested, said the support for the killer was "deeply disturbing". Police officers working on the case have described him as a 'stone-cold killer'.

A crime is a crime; but from the emerging public evidence, it seems Luigi Mangione was sending a message. The bullet casings left behind on the Manhattan sidewalk where the United Health CEO was shot had 'Deny', 'Defend' and ' Depose' inscribed on them.

Investigators say it is a reference to the 2010 book 'Delay, Deny, Defend: Why insurance companies don't pay claims and what you can do about it'. Documents found on Mangione indicate he wanted to get even with the 'corporate greed'.

The message seems to be gaining traction. Reuters has reported "Wanted" posters with the faces of CEOs have appeared on walls in New York. Websites are selling Mangione merchandise, including hats with "CEO Hunter" printed across a bullseye.

One week after the murder, Jay Feinman's 14-year-old book 'Delay, Deny, Defend' had shot to the top of Amazon's insurance law category. US companies meanwhile are scrambling to ramp up security for their top brass; and healthcare insurers have gone in to a huddle on how to clean up.

Insurers play dirty

Healthcare in the US, possibly the most expensive in the world, is intertwined with a web of complex insurance schemes promoted by the private sector. There's certainly no welfarism here; it is a for-profit insurance industry. The unabashed push to keep profits booming leads to the three-stage system – to first delay claims, then to deny them, and then finally defend the denial. No wonder there is so much resentment and hatred towards the insurance industry.

In a first response on Friday, UnitedHealth Group CEO Andrew Witty admitted the US

SOURAV ROY

health is "not perfect". In a guest article in the New York Times, Witty said: No one would design a system like the one we have. And no one did. It's a patchwork built over decades."

Politico Magazine reported the United States spends one sixth of its GDP on health care, yet 8% of its citizens are uninsured, and about 23% are underinsured. In a recent survey by the Commonwealth Fund, 17% of respondents said their insurer denied coverage for a procedure recommended by a doctor within the last year.

Political scientist Miranda Yaver of the University of Pittsburgh, quoted by Politico, said: "in 2022, over 1 in 4 Americans reported delaying or foregoing medical care, prescription drugs, mental health care, or dental care due to cost, with 17% of insulin users reporting in 2021 that they ration their insulin. It is little wonder a November 2023 Gallup poll found that just 31 percent of Americans trust the U.S. health care system."

Social banditry

The Politico article by Joshua Zeitz relies on a 1959 analysis of Marxist scholar Eric Hobsbawm who introduced the concept of 'social banditry' in the lexicon of sociology. 'Social bandits' at different points in history emerge – sometimes real, sometimes fictional – and they are revered for the instant justice they mete out in an unequal world. Jesse James or Billy the Kid, in the post-civil war era, though extremely violent, were looked upon as Robin Hoods and glorified for attempting to correct inequality.

What Hobsbawm said was when the state loses its ability to address people's concerns, the people sometimes look to outlaws, when they attack and try and bring down the establishment.

That a 2010 book should comeback as a bestseller – described by Amazon as an "expose of insurance injustice and a plan for consumers and lawmakers to fight back" – shows the problem has not gone away.

In India, we are hobbled by both poor healthcare infrastructure, as well as well as low insurance cover. According to the National Health Profile, India has only 0.9 beds per 1000 population, of which only 30 percent are in rural areas.

Healthcare insurance too has low penetration, with only 14 percent of the people in rural areas and 18% in urban areas having access to any sort of health insurance. What we have is starkly unequal. Healthcare policies largely cover only the rich and the educated elite.

India's insurance sector is mainly run by for-profit, private insurers while the public health insurance schemes – the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) and the PM Jan Arogya Yojna (PM-JAY) – have limited reach. Though clunky and inefficient, in the long run public, government-funded schemes – even if they offer a maximum cover of ₹3 lakh – will serve the people better. There is still time. We need not go down the pure 'capitalist' model like the US.

ED hands over BPSL's assets worth ₹4k cr to JSW

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) handed over Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL's) assets worth ₹4,025 crore to JSW, which successfully bid for BPSL under the insolvency resolution process. The restitution of the assets to JSW is result of a Supreme Court order on 11th December 2024.

The enforcement directorate had attached the properties of Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd after it found the company and its promoters diverted bank funds to private investments in the form of shares and properties. ED investigation also revealed that the books of accounts were fudged to show fake expenses/purchases/capital assets and thereby bank funds were taken out in the form of cash.

The diversion of funds resulted in financial distress of the BPSL, which ultimately landed in the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) in 2017. The company was bought by JSW through insolvency process which lasted over two years, and JSW's resolution plan was approved by the NCLT in September 2019. The resolution plan of JSW had the provision of making a payment of ₹19,350 crore against the outstanding loans of ₹47,204 crore.

Despite the approval of the resolution plan, the enforcement directorate attached properties of BPSL, forcing the lenders as well as JSW to move the Supreme Court against the attachment.

Credit card delinquencies increase by 110 bps to 7.6%

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

INDICATING the rising indebtedness of individuals and households, delinquency rates among credit card issuers or the portfolio at risk in the banking parlance, have risen by as much as 110 basis points to 7.6% as of June 2024 from 6.5% in June 2023.

While the numbers from an analysis by a credit information bureau Crif Highmark, is for the June quarter, when banks didn't report much stress, in the second quarter nearly all issuers, led by Kotak Mahindra Bank, Indusind Bank, RBL Bank and Axis Bank, among others, had reported higher delinquencies.

The average balance per card also rose to ₹32,233 by June 2024 from ₹28,919 in June 2023, the report said, indicating the rising indebtedness of cardholders.

This means that default or

delayed repayment of credit card dues in the 91-180 days past due (DPD) bucket is not happening even after 180 days. Delinquencies in the 181-360 days bucket has also gone up from 0.7% to 0.9% and above 360 days defaults from 1.3% to 1.7%, says Crif Highmark.

Bank normally charges 3.75% or more on a monthly basis on credit card dues. In annualised terms, it works out to be a whopping 45% and when one doesn't pay one time, there is additional penalty, which varies from 0.5-1 percentage of the minimum payment dues which gets amoratised into the principal outstanding thus leading to higher outstanding dues.

The value of credit card transactions tripled in the last three years to ₹18.31 lakh crore in fiscal 2024 from ₹6.30 lakh crore in fiscal 2021. The value of credit card transactions stood at ₹9.71 lakh crore in fiscal 2022 and ₹14.32 lakh crore in fiscal 2023, according to the Reserve Bank data.

Of the ₹18.31 lakh crore of total credit card transactions in FY24, as much as ₹6.51 lakh crore was through point of sale transactions involving merchants and shops.

The monthly spends by card users are now above ₹1.50 lakh crore and remained at ₹176,202 crore in September this year. It was ₹72,319 crore in March 2021.

EXPRESS READ

Senco Gold raises ₹459 crore via QIP

NEW DELHI: Kolkata-based jewellery retail chain Senco Gold said it raised ₹459 crore via a qualified institutions placement (QIP) by allotting 40.8 lakh equity shares. The QIP committee of the company's board approved the issuance and allotment of equity shares of ₹10 were issued at a price of ₹1,125 per share, including a premium of ₹1,115, Senco Gold said in a regulatory filing on Friday. Post the QIP, its paid-up equity share capital has increased to ₹81.80 crore, comprising 8.18 crore shares, from ₹77.72 crore. *ENS*

Eleganz Interiors files IPO papers

NEW DELHI: Eleganz Interiors, a leading provider of interior fit-out solutions provider, on Saturday said it has filed draft papers with NSE Emerge to mobilise funds via an IPO. The IPO is entirely a fresh issuance of up to 60.05 lakh shares, each with a face value of Rs 10, the company said in a statement. The shares of the company will be listed on the SME platform of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Emerge, according to the draft red herring prospectus. *ENS*

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited to invest ₹4.65 cr to support 30 start-ups in Odisha

Sambalpur: In a significant move to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in Odisha, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Foundation for Technology Business Incubator (FTBI) located at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela. The agreement, which was signed recently, marks the beginning of a collaborative initiative aimed at supporting the establishment and growth of startups in the state. The total project cost is pegged at Rs. 4.65 crore, with the project spanning three years. MCL, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, will contribute funding to establish and run approximately 30 startups in Odisha. The goal is to provide essential assistance to budding entrepreneurs, fostering an ecosystem conducive to innovation and job creation.

MOIL achieves best-ever November Performance

MOIL has recorded production of 1.63 lakh tonne of manganese ore in November 2024, the best November performance since inception. During first 8 months of FY25, it has recorded output of 11.80 lakh tonne, higher by 8.46% over same period last year (CPLY). On sales front, it has achieved best-ever November sales of 1.33 lakh tonne, higher by 32% over CPLY.

24th All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2024-25

Paradip Port Authority along with Major Ports Sports Control Board is organising 24th All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2024 -25 at Jayadev Sadan. Gracing inaugural function as Chief Guest, Nilabhra Dasgupta, Dy Chairman, PPA inaugurated the cultural extravaganza and said the Culture is the most beautiful expression of aesthetic of human heart.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Baroda inaugurates 61st branch at Chandaka in Bhubaneswar region

Bhubaneswar: Bank of Baroda's Bhubaneswar region marked a historic milestone with the inauguration of its 61st branch at Chandaka. The ceremony was graced by general manager & zonal head of Bhubaneswar Zone, Swapna Bandopadhaya, who performed the ribbon-cutting. The event was attended by key dignitaries including VMNS Saibabu, deputy general manager & regional head of Bhubaneswar region and Rajeev Kumar Sinha, Asst. general manager & deputy regional head. The gathering included bank manager Mahesh Hota, staff members and people from locality. The opening of this new branch aims to increase the bank's footprints as well as to enhance its customer base in the state of Odisha.

OPGC, EESL organised conference on adoption of energy efficient tech

Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd (OPGC), in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), organised a technical conference on "Advancing the Adoption of Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries" at the IB Thermal Power Station, Banharpali. The conclave aimed to foster innovation and partnerships for reducing carbon footprints through energy-efficient technologies. The event attracted delegates from leading organizations such as NTPC, JSW BPSL, Vedanta Aluminium, Tata Steel, and Adani, alongside technology providers like Siemens, GE, and AVEVA. The inaugural session featured a welcome address by OPGC MD Manas Ranjan Rout, who highlighted the importance of collaboration in addressing energy challenges.

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NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Hi-Tech Agriculture Finance Branch, Bengaluru,** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under: As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **29.06.2024,** to the borrower **(1) M/s Srikanteshwara Poultry, Breeding Farm,** Sy no. 50/1 & 50/5 at Virupasandra Village D Palya Hobli, Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-561210 **(2) Nagaraju N. N.** C/o Srikanteshwara Poultry Farm, Udamalodu Village Gauribidanur, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka 561210 **(3) Kiran kumar B** S/o Babanna, 103, Sai Krishna Residency, 3rd Cross, Ankappa Layout, Gowdanapalya, Uttarahalli Subramanyapure, Bangalore, Karnataka 560061 **(4) Pallavi** W/o Kiran Kumar B, 103B Sai Krishna Residency 3rd Cross, Ankappa Layout Gowdanapalya, Uttarahalli Subramanyapure, Bangalore, Karnataka, Kolar District 563131 **(Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor),** the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 2,22,27,973/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Three Only)** and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **11.09.2024.** Further, the said symbolic/ Physical possession notice was duly published in **KANNADA PRABHA and THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS on 12.09.2024.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs. 2,22,27,973/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Three Only) as on 14.03.2024,** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

Indian Overseas Bank

ISRO View Branch (1061) 3274,11th Main Road, Hal 2nd Stage,Indira Nagar Bengaluru- 560008, Karnataka., Email ID: iob1061@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://ebkray.in**

Name & address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors:- 1. Mr.M Pawan Kumar S/o M Nagireddy Aged about 48 years, No.540, 17th Cross, 17th Main,4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.,**2.Mrs.M.Latha Preeti W/o. Mr. M. Pawan Kumar** Aged about 41 years, No.540, 17th Cross, 17th Main, 4th Sector HSR Layout,Bangalore-560102

Date of NPA: 20.08.2020 **Date of Demand notice: 08.10.2020**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.2,46,82,567/- as on with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 23.03.2021

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.2,47,82,964/- as on 23.03.2021 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 11.12.2024 is Rs.1,66,97,403.00 plus undebited interest on suit filing with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Schedule of Property:- All that piece and parcel of land in survey No.195 and 199, Assessment No.1009012790, 1009012792 & 11009013115 situated in Ward No.16 Kothapete, Shanawaz Street Kammapalle Village, Madanapalle Municipal Area, Madanapalle Mandal, Madanpalle Sub-District, Chittoor Dist., Andhra Pradesh with total extent of the site 8892 sq ft with **boundaries:- East:** By 3 ft width CC Road/ Shanawaz Street, **West:** By House of SK.Basha and House of Sri Rasool Khan, **North:** By 15" CC Road/Lane, **South:** By the Ramkrishna Street., **Long: 78.511173o & Lat: 13.551100o, Within the above boundaries admeasuring:-** East to West on Northern Side 76 feet, East to west on Southern side 95 feet, North to South on Eastern side 102 feet, North to South on Western Side 106 feet,

The property is in the name of Mr M Pawan Kumar and Mrs M Latha Preeti.
The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Immovable Property as mentioned above	Rs 2,63,61,000/-	Rs 26,36,100/-	Rs.50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 27.12.2024, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs. 50,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL

Inspection Date & Time: during office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 11.12.2024 till 26.12.2024.

Submission of online application for bid with EMD: From 12.12.2024 to 26.12.2024 before 5 pm

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.**

For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx , https://www.publishtenders.gov.in , https://ebkray.in/eauction-psb/ bidder-registration** (web portal of e-auction of Service provider)

Date: 11-12-2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Bengaluru South End Circle Branch,
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditors, the **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 15.01.2025 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m**. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery **of Rs. 92,45,091.09** (Rupees Ninty- Two lakhs Forty Five thousand Ninety one and Paise Nine Only**)** plus further interest thereon from 01.12.2024 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from **Mr. LOKANATHA M**

Full description of the immovable property, Reserve Price, EMD, known Encumbrance(s), Outstanding Dues if any are as under:-

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY(IES)

(Rs.in lacs)

Lot	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	All the piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing No 1057 LIG Property No 301/A/ LIG/1057, e-Khatha No:150200103200721194, situated at Suryanagar, Phase II, Sector 'A', Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru- 562106. East : Site no. 1052 MIG, West : 9.00 Meter Wide Road, North : Site No. 1058 LIG,South : Site No. 1056 LIG	35.00	3.50	1.00
2	All that piece and parcel of the vacant Residential site bearing No. 411, carved out of the land bearing old Sy No 55 and New Sy. No. 81, in the Layout Known as The Karnataka Government Secretari at Class- IV Employees Layout, Situated at Bellahalli Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk-560064, Behind Haj Bhavan, Off Hegde Nagar-Thanisandra Main Rd.East : Site No. 410, West : Site No. 412, North : Compound wall & then Vacant Plot, South : 6th H Cross Road	25.00	2.50	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not known to Bank.
The EMD should be deposited on or before 13.01.2025 up to 4.00 pm
The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/ provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank. com. or may contact **Chief Manager, South end Circle Branch, Bangalore, Ph. No. 9483531173, 080- 26651852,** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 11.12.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex,
Malleswaram, 15th Cross,
Bangalore-560055.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer **of Canara Bank, Regional Office West** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors /Guarantors: (1) Mrs Chinnamma W/o Mr Obalesh D No 84, 11th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Behind LCR School, Gokula Ist Stage, MSRIT, Bangalore-560054. **(2) Mr Obalesh D** S/o Mr Daniel #52, 9th Main, 11th Cross Gokul I Stage Near LCR School, MSRIT, Bangalore-560054.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount (in Rs)	Liability With Interest As On 08.12.2024	Rate of Interest
1.	0428983 0000248	MORTGAGE LOAN	03.08.2018	10,00,000/-	Rs.5,83,473.72	11.80% p.a

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 5,83,473.72 (Rupees Five lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Three and Seventy Two paise only) **dated 08.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 29.06.2023 **Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2024**

Details of Immovable Property :

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing New Municipal No.84, Pid No.3-42-84, Old No.1-B, Out Of Site No.6/1 Of Yeshwanthapura Village and Presently Situated At 9th Cross Road, 15th Stage, 1st Phase, Gokula, Bangalore Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 20 Feet, In Total Measuring 600 Sf Feet along With Residential RCC Building Measuring 500 Sq Feet Consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Terrace Floor With All Basic Amenities And Bounded As Under: On East by : Property No 01 And 1/A, West by : Road, North by: Property No.1/C and South By : Property No 2/C.

Name of the title Holder : Mrs Chinnamma W/o Mr Oblesh D.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

KMML **The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd**
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 e-mail: md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Item
1.	2024_KMML_713314_1	For the supply of Paint & Thinner
2.	2024_KMML_714354_1	For the supply of 4,000 Nos of Jumbo Bags Polypropylene Product-Sillimanite-1000 Kg capacity
3.	2024_KMML_710965_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves
4.	2024_KMML_711421_1	For the supply of 16298 MT of Calcined Petroleum Coke
5.	2024_KMML_711583_1	AMC for the repair and servicing of Split Air Conditioners in our TP Unit for the period 2024-25
6.	2024_KMML_711507_1	For the supply of Crucible for Ladle Furnace with Free Issue Material
7.	2024_KMML_713469_1	For the supply of Plate Inconnel-450 Kg
8.	2024_KMML_714282_1	For the supply of Brick Acid Resistant for Digester
9.	2024_KMML_714747_1	For fabrication & supply of Oxidizer Liner Cone
10.	2024_KMML_715692_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves
11.	2024_KMML_715441_2	For the supply of 310 MR of Pipe SS304 Seamless Schedule 80 size 50mm NB
12.	2024_KMML_716117_1	For the supply of Roaster Discharge Grating Assembly

Chavara 13.12.2024

Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
STATE BAMBOO MISSION (SBM), MANIPUR

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Imphal, the 13th December 2024

No. 4/23/NBM-ADB/2023/Forests: State Bamboo Mission, Manipur invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of reputed International / National Consultancy Firms/ Consortium/Joint Ventures (JV) for providing consultancy services for preparation of feasibility study report and detail project report for project **"Integrated Bamboo Park in Manipur".** Details of the notice are available at website of Forest Department **https://forest.manipurforest.gov.in & www.manipur tender.gov.in**

Sd/-
State Mission Director (NBM),
State Bamboo Mission, Manipur
Forest Headquarters, Sanjenthong

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REGIONAL OFFICE WEST,
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram
15th Cross, Bangalore-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

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1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: (1) Mrs. Meenakshi W/o Raghu N, No.187, Near Maramma Temple Ramasandra Sulikere Post Bengaluru-560060. **(2) Mr. Raghu N** S/o Nagarajappa No.18 Ramasandra Sulikere, Bangalore-560060. **Guarantor: (1) Mr. Muralidhar B** S/o Basavaraju No.88 Ramasandra Sulkeri Post, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore-560060.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower]

Sl. No	Loan Number & Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount (In Rs.)	Liability with interest as on 08.12.2024	Rate of Interest
1	06749740000036 HOUSING LOAN	17.05.2018	12,00,000/-	Rs. 12,32,158.64	9.25% p.a

Total Liability Amount: Rs 12,32,158.64 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Eight And Sixty Four Paise Only) **Dated 08.12.2024,** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 29.11.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2024**

Description Immovable Property:

Name of Title holder: Mrs. Meenakshi

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.498, Panchayat Khata No.463/498, PID No.150200301900321074 in Sy No.124, Kommaghatta Village, Soolikere Grama Panchayat, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West (28+15)/2 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded as follows: East By: Site No.463, West By: Road, North By: Road, South By: Site No.497.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/ Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(IRRIGATION WING)

NOTICE e-TENDER

NIT No : 03/EWS/BBMB/2024-25
Name Of Concerned Office : Executive Engineer, R.M. Division, BBMB Talwara-Township, Punjab-144216 Email : xenrmtlw@bbmb.nic.in
Name Of Work: Purchasing, Testing, Designing, Erection and commissioning of Emergency Flood Warning System at Beas Dam Site.

Last Date Of Receipt Of Tender	07-01-2025 at 11:00 am
Date Of Opening Of Tender	08-01-2025 at 11:00 am
Date Of Pre Bid Meeting of Tender	20-12-2024 at 11:00 am
Estimate Cost	Rs. 2,73,00,000/-

The detailed of tender may be downloaded from website http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app

533-PR-BHAKRA DAM-6 **FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, MEGA LIFT BHUBANESWAR

Plot no. A 8/2, Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, PIN-751022
E-Mail: cemlpwr.od@gmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. 05ML /2024-25
On Line open tender is invited for EPC Contract
A-704 (Turn Key Basis) for Mega Lift, Odisha

1. **Name of Work:** Operation and Maintenance of existing 20 nos. schemes with intake points on Mahanadi River. Ong River, Bheden River and Hirakud reservoir having command area between 500 Ha. to 2000 Ha. in Megalift Cluster-III in the districts of Bolangir, Bargarh, Jharsuguda and Sambalpur comprising all electro-mechanical & instrumentation equipments installed in pump house & MCC room including pumps and motors, switchyard & Transmission lines, intake well, Sump well, Rising main, Distribution chamber, Gravity main, complete distribution network by UGPL covering culturable command area of 25428.77 Ha. with operation of maintenance of all its 20 completed schemes including its power system connectivity, proper distribution of water to the ayacut including watch & ward with testing and calibration of all electro-mechanical components before the start of each irrigation period in the 0 & M period of 10 years on "Turn-key basis".
2. **0 & M Period: 120 (One hundred twenty) calendar months.**
3. **Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : 17.12.2024, 10 A.M.**
4. **Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal : 06.01.2025 up to 5.00 P.M**
5. **Name & address of the officer inviting Bid : Chief Engineer, Megalift,A-8/2, Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar,Pin - 751022**

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal
"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"

OIPR-32504/11/0008/2425

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Megalift
Bhubaneswar

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1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Girish J D S/o Doddaiah K, **(2) Mr. Doddajah K,** both are residing at No. 103, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Hoysalanagara Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560091 Karnataka **(3) Mr. Nagesha J D** S/o **Doddaiah K,** No. 86 6th Cross Raghavendra Nagar, Andrahally, Bangalore-560091 Karnataka.

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Sl. No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount of Sanction	Liability With Interest as on 09.12.2024	Rate of Interest
1	3194619000026 Housing Finance	10-12-2010	Rs 28,36,000/-	Rs 9,66,338.00	9.55% p.a

[Details of liability/ies availed by the Borrower which is linked to the property]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Liability With Interest as on 09.12.2024	Rate of Interest
0415626000680	CANARA BUDGET	Rs 12,85,348.32	11.80% p.a

Total Liability Amount: Rs.9,66,338.00 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Eight Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 29.09.2016 **Demand Notice Dated : 09.12.2024**

Name of Title holder : Mr. J D Girish and Mr.J D Nagesh.

Description Immovable Property: Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 86, Katha No. 274 formed in Andrahally Grama Assessment No. 42 and 43, Herohally, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 30 Feet In all Measuring 1500 Sq.Ft. and Bounded by: East by: Road, West by : Site No 83, North by : Site No 87 South by : Site No 85.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW

email-dirdcf.ah-up@gov.in, dir.ah.up@nic.in, Ph.No.0522-2742880 Fax: (0522) 2740202

No. 840/Pur.Cell/E-Tender/Vaccine/2024-25/II, Dated: 13.12.2024

NOTICE FOR INVIATION OF E-TENDER

Online tenders through e-procurement system are invited for rate contract of various vaccines for the financial years 2024-25 under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., from sole manufacturing license holders firms who have minimum 03 years manufacturing experience for the quoted vaccines. Tenderer firm should not be blacklisted or debarred in any department / government institution in the country for last 02 years and quoted products are not found Not of Standard Quality by competent authority for last 3 years. If Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or by any other competent investigating agency recommends for stay or cancellation of existing rate contract, action shall be taken accordingly as per provision of U.P. Procurement Manual 2016. Tenderers should have valid manufacturing license, non-coviction certificate, performance Certificate, market standing certificate, Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) certificate, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certificate and ISO certificate. Only those tenderer will be eligible to participate in tender whose turnover for last 03 years is not less than Rs.5.00 crore each year. MSME/SSI units of U.P. are exempted from Turnover condition & MSME/SSI units of U.P. will be given purchase preference as per government policy. It is also to inform that only those tenderers who are registered for e-tendering (documentary proof for registration in U.P. Electronics Corporation Ltd., (UPLC), Lucknow is necessary to enclose) and having digital signatures in reference to this office memorandum No.3157/Pur.Cell/Kra, Ni./E-pro/2016-17 dated 15-03-2017, shall be eligible to participate in e-tendering in Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. Details regarding e-tender, tender Terms & Conditions and tender form would be available on the departmental website **http://animalhusb.upsdc.gov.in** and U.P. Govt. e-tender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** within the stipulated period.

Particulars	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs.	Tender Documents Rs.
e-Tender for approval of rate of vaccines for the financial year 2024-25 **Schedule (A)** H.S. Vaccine **Schedule (B)** Anti-rabies Vaccine **Schedule (C) For remaining other vaccines** (B.Q., Theileriosis vaccine Swine Fever, Sheep Pox, Goal Pox, Enterotoxaemia, Porcine cysticercosis & Poultry Vaccines)	As per schedule of requirement Section III(B) of tender documents, for estimated value of the goods upto Rs.1.00 lakh (one lakh) Rs.1500.00 and for each additional Rs.1.00 lakh and part there of Rs.1000.00 as bid security.	Rs.25,000.00 + GST

Cost of Tender Form (Non-refundable) in shape of Demand Draft of any nationalized / scheduled bank in the name of Director, Administration & Development, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow and amount of Earnest Money in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of any nationalized / scheduled bank pledged in favour of Director, Disease Control & Farms, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow should compulsorily be deposited in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Badshah bagh, Lucknow. The scanned copy of the Cost of Tender Form and e-Bid Security/EMD must be submitted along with the e-Bid and the original should reach to Director, Disease Control & Farms, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow **preferably on or before end date of submission of e-Bid but in any case, not later than 5 days after end date of submission of e-bid.** Online e-bid should be submitted through U.P. Govt. e-Tender website **http://etender.up.nic.in.**

The Scheduled dates and time for the Tender are:-

1. Availability of Online Tender Forms:	**Date 19-12-2024 from 05:00 PM**
2. Submission of Online Tender Forms start date:	**Date 19-12-2024 from 06:00 PM**
3. Pre Bid Meeting:	**Date 27-12-2024 at 04:00 PM**
4. Last Date for online submission of tender form:	**Date 10-01-2025 upto 12:00 PM**
5. Opening of Online Tender Forms (Technical bids):	**Date 10-01-2025 at 03:30 PM**

Sd/- **(Dr.P.N.Singh)**
Director
Disease Control & Farms,
Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow.

RO No: 223918
RO dt: 13-12-24
Website: www.upgov.nic.in

GOVERNMENT ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE
Phone : 9438660004, e-mail-eephbls@gmail.com
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (Online Mode)
Invitation for Bids (IFB) dt.12.12.2024

C-1255: The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Item Rate bids in Double cover system in ONLINE mode only.

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Bid-Identification No.	Value of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Class of contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding		Last date and time of seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
						From	To		
1	Source Improvement and Augmentation of water supply toward no.1,3,5,6,7,8, 9,12,13,14,15, 18, 21 and 23 in Basudevpur Municipality.	SEPHBLS -19 dt. 12.12.2024	596.90	'A' Class	12 (Twelve) Months	11:00 Hrs. of dt. 21.12.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 06.01.2025	17:00 Hrs. Of 01.01.2025	11:00 Hrs. Of 07.01.2025
2	Improvement of Water Supply to Basudevpur Municipality	SEPHBLS-20 dt. 12.12.2024	422.04	'A' Class	10 (Ten) Months	11:00 Hrs. of dt. 21.12.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 06.01.2025	17:00 Hrs. Of 01.01.2025	11:00 Hrs. Of 07.01.2025

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: http://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. **Name and Address of the officer inviting bid :- The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore-756056, Odisha, Phone : 9438660004**

Sd/-Superintending Engineer,
P.H. Division, Balasore.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & DRINKING WATER DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & S DIVISION, NABARANGPUR
Tel-(06858)222643, E-Mail:eerwssngp@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS
No: RWSS_NGP_ONLINE_04/2024-25 Dated-10/12/2024

O-861: The Executive Engineer RWS&S Nabarangpur on behalf of Additional Chief Engineer, RWSS circle, Koraput invites percentage rate bid through E-Procurement in double cover system according to norm of E-Procurement system in on-line mode.

1. Name of works : As mentioned in Table "A" which includes construction of different capacity ESR/OGR, laying of different dia, HDFE/GI Pipe line, FHTC and its ancillary work in connection with the pipe water supply scheme in different Block under Nabarangpur District.
2. No. of works : 8 (Eight) No. (Detailed in Tender Call Notice available in the website)
3. Estimated Cost : As mentioned in Table "A"
4. Tender paper Cost : As mentioned in Table "A"
5. Class of Contractor : As mentioned in Table "A"
6. Period of Completion : As mentioned in Table "A"
7. Critical Dates : Further details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in the-procurement Portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
   *Publication of this tender can be seen in the web portal : https://odisha.gov.in/state-tenders-advertisement , *Subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site., *Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for Bidding		Last Date of Seeking tender Clarification	Last date of receipt of confirmation letter & other	Date of opening of Bid
		From	To			
Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Nabarangpur	RWSS_NGP_ONLINE_04 of 2024-25	17.12.2024 at 05.00PM	27.12.2024 at 05.00PM	26.12.2024 up to 5.00 PM	27.12.2024 up to 05.00PM.	30.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.

OIPR-25028/11/0006/2425

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RWS & S Division, Nabarangpur

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HI-TECH AGRICULTURE FINANCE BRANCH
Account Section, Krishi Bhavan,
Nrupatunga Road,
Hudson Circle Bangalore-560001.
Ph No.080-22223249, Email: cb2373@canarabank.com

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Hi-Tech Agriculture Finance Branch, Bengaluru, Karnataka,** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **11.07.2024,** to the borrower **Mr. Jiss George** S/o George Njadimackal Chaco, Njodikkal House, Paloorkavu Post, Thekkemala, Peruvanthanam Idukki, Kerala-685532. **Also at:** NEC Co. Ltd Barwa Commercial Revenue, Satwan Green PO Box 23949, DOHA, Qatar-ZIP 023949. **Also at:** Flat No.405, Fourth floor Tower 2, "MIDHILA DELUXE" Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka , Bangalore. **Guarantor: Mr. Jintesh M J** S/o Mangaleth Mathai, No.104, Opp. New age Public School, Muniswamy Layout, Rayasandra, Huskur, Bangalore-560099, the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 64,37,594/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **23.09.2024.** Further, the said symbolic/ Physical possession notice was duly published in **The Indian Express and Kannada Prabha newspapers in Bengaluru and Indian Express & Metrovartha in Alappuzha on 28.09.2024.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs.64,37,594/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Only) as on **23.09.2024,** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 14.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 1st ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL
O.S.No. 691/2024

Between:1.Narayanamma D/o Annappa Aged about 43 years R/at Lakkur Village, MalurTaluk, Kolar District - 563130 And others ...**Plaintiffs**

And:1.Muniyellappa S/o Late.Chikkamuniyappa Aged about 45 years R/at Kalkere Village, Horamavu Post, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk Bengaluru-560043 And others ...**Defendants**

Defendants No.1 to 12, 15 and 16

1. Muniyellappa S/o Late.Chikkamuniyappa Aged about 45 years **2. Saraswathi,** W/o Late. Ganesh, Aged about 37 years **3. Gowramma,** D/o Muniyamma, Aged about 60 years **4. Rathnamma,** D/o Muniyamma, Aged about 50 years. **5. Balaraju** S/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 50 years,**6. Smt. Narayanamma** D/o.Late. Giriyappa Aged about 48 years, **7. Smt. Nagaveni** D/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 46 years, **8. Sri. Ravikumar** S/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 44 years, **9. Sri. Pushparaj** S/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 42 years, **10. Sri. Sarvesh** S/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 40 years, **11. Smt.Jayalakshmi** D/o.Late.Giriyappa Aged about 38 years, **12. Sri. Munikrishnappa** S/o Late.Mallayya Aged about 70 years Defendants No. 1 to 12 R/at Kalkere Village, Horamavu Post, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk Bengaluru-560043 **15. Sri. Krishnamurthy** S/o Late. Puttappa S/o Chikkamadappa Aged about 45 years R/at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk Bengaluru 560043 **16. M.Muniyappa** S/o Late. Halumatada Muddappa, Aged about 70 years, R/at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru East Taluk Bengaluru-560043 ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS OR NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 to 12, 15 & 16

WHEREAS, the above Plaintiffs have filed an Original Suit bearing No.691/2024 against the Defendants therein, before the court of the 1st Addl. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Bangalore rural for the relief of the relief of Partition and separate possession. You, all are hereby notified or summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on **6/2/2025 at 11.0 clock** to answer the claim of the Plaintiff before the court of 1st Addl. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Bangalore rural at near Vishveshvaraiaya Metro station, Dr.Ambedkar Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru 560009. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day above mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE'A'PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Old Sy No.32, New Sy Nos.32/1, 32/2, 32/3, situated at Kalkere village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, erstwhile in Bangalore South Taluk now in Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 27 guntas bounded as: **East by:** Land in Sy No.74, **West by:** Land in Sy No.33 and 34, **North By:** Land in Sy No.36, **South By:** Land in Sy No.31.

SCHEDULE 'B'PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land in Sy No.279 situated at Kalkere village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, in Bangalore South Taluk now in Bangalore East Taluk measuring 8 guntas bounded as: **East by:** Land in Sy No.284, **West by:** Land in Sy No.282, **North By:** Land in Sy No.278, **South By:** Land in Sy No.280.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT ON THIS DATE: 12/12/24

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for the Plaintiffs: Shashank R
Pavamana Associates, Advocates,
No.1/A, 2nd main, 36th cross, 8th block Jayangar, Bangalore-560072

Hero MotoCorp announced as HIL's title sponsor

Hero MotoCorp has signed on as the Title Sponsor of the Hockey India League for the next three seasons, starting from 2024-25. The tournament, set to begin on December 28, 2024, will feature eight men's teams and, for the first time, four women's teams. HIL will be broadcast through Doordarshan and Prasar Bharati's new OTT platform — Waves.

Italy won the Europe Sub-regional Qualifiers to stay in contention for a spot in the 2026 T20 WC | FEDERAZIONE CRICKET ITALIANA

RENAISSANCE IN CRICKET

With the presence of ex-Oz players in the team, Italy Cricket Federation has shown ambitions to cultivate the sport; their immediate aim will be to qualify for the T20 World Cup in 2026

Sunday Special

WHEN Joe Burns joined the Italian team for his first training session, he didn't know what to expect. The Australian-born cricketer with Italian heritage had decided to represent the European nation earlier this year. It was his first time with the team, and the facility was unlike anything he had experienced before.

"It was our first training session. So, we turned up and it was in the middle of a tomato farm," Burns recalls in a conversation with this daily. "Associate cricket in general, but in particular in Europe, the grounds are privately owned. So, you get a lot of different variations to where you play," he added. This was in the middle of 2024. In the time since, Italy have qualified for the ICC 2026 men's T20 World Cup European Region final — Burns smashed a century in the Europe Sub-regional Qualifiers final against Romania to make sure of it — and will be competing with teams like Netherlands and Scotland next year to book a ticket for the global event.

Now, that is not the full story. Burns, while being the biggest name from Australian cricket to have made the move, it is just the beginning. Post the World War II, hundreds of thousands of Italians migrated to Australia. Those families, including the grandparents of Burns, took a leap of faith in pursuit of a better life. While the trend continued till the early 1970s before gradually decreasing, people with Italian heritage are a significant part of the Australian population. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there are over 150K Italian heritage people (163,326 as per 2021 Census) living in the country. Many among them have been a part of the Australian cricketing culture and system, including Michael and Peter di Venuto brothers. While the former is the assistant coach with the Australian men's cricket team, latter holds the same position for Italy. The brothers with Italian heritage have represented the European nation as well. And Peter, in particular, is now co-ordinating and helping out other Italian origin Australians to pursue their dream of playing for Italy.

Apart from Burns, Ben and Henry Manenti brothers, Thomas Draca, who set social media abuzz when he was named in the IPL auction list, have already shifted allegiances to Italy from Australia. Meanwhile, Elyse Villani and Chloe Piparo among women and Corey Rocchiccioli, who is considered to be the potential successor of Nathan Lyon, are also Italian origin players who are eligible should they make choice. As things stand, players should not have represented a full-member nation for four years to switch teams. However, these players while representing Italy, will still be a local player in Sheffield Shield and be eligible to play for Australia if selected.

Joe Burns (L) with Mitchell Marsh

This presents the Italian origin Australians an opportunity to explore avenues and even have a chance at playing in a World Cup and franchise leagues around the globe. What has also helped and convinced the players to make the decision is the work Italian Cricket Federation has put in over the past few years. "There are over 100 clubs now in Italy that are playing in formal competitions," Peter tells this daily before adding, "A number of those are expats from the subcontinent that are playing within Europe and within Italy. In the last few years, this current administration of the federation have really focussed on trying to harness these groups of people to form clubs, to put them into formal competitions, to help manage and run the competitions with umpires and supporting them with cricket balls, to be able to help create additional funding from the government as a result of the game developing." Burns also acknowledges the effort from Asian immigrants in growing the sport's popularity. "There's an opportunity for so many subcontinent guys to come over to Italy and grow the game and the playing opportunities it creates. The pathways for Indians, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans into our national team," he adds.

What has also helped in getting funding from the government is the inclusion of cricket in the Olympics. Italian National Olympic Committee, also known as CONI, has apparently contacted the cricket association regarding getting a dedicated ground with a dressing room and training facilities for the sport. While the opportunities to grow and develop are on one side, there is obviously an emotional side to this as well. From connecting with your roots to bringing cricketers from Italy to Australia to train and play at various domestic levels, there is more.

"Family is very important to Italians and having an understanding of your roots and where you come from. Every time I go to Italy, I feel very connected. The fact that I have an opportunity to contribute to the development of this game, which we all have grown up with as Australians and love, is a great thing to be able to be involved in terms of assisting Italy's progress and hopefully, a number of people in the country falling in love with the game as well," says Peter.

The first step towards that would be the qualification for the 2026 men's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. Burns, who was named captain of Italy last week, wants to focus on prepping for the Regional qualifier final while trying to develop the facilities and the grounds to provide the best cricket they can. "It's a unique team in that, obviously, we've got cricketers in Australia, South Africa, England. We have a great bunch of subcontinent players that play locally in Italy as well. They've all got subtle differences in the way that we've been brought up playing the game. And it makes our team really exciting. Ultimately, our goal is to create a legacy for Italian cricket going into the World Cup, but also compete really, really well. We feel we're one of the strongest teams in Europe. We just have to go out there and show it now."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Australia were 28/0 in 13.2 overs when play was called off due to rain | PTI

Wet & watch at Gabba as rain takes centre stage

GOMESH S @Brisbane

THE moment players started walking off the field at about 10.45 AM local time, it was clear how the day was going to play out at The Gabba. A day filled with rain and thunderstorms with little cricket. Both India and Australia came back onto the field at 11.15 AM again only for the clouds to open up in another 36 minutes. Australia were 28/0 in 13.2 overs when it happened and the scorecard remained the same when play was called off for the day at quarter past four in the evening.

To be fair, the rain forecast was always there. It said that there are going to be thunderstorms throughout the day in Brisbane. So much so that it makes one wonder how much of it had a role in Rohit Sharma opting to bowl first on what seemed like a decent pitch to bat on. They had two changes, one was expected with Akash Deep walking in for Harshit Rana, and the other being Ravindra Jadeja replacing R Ashwin.

While one could say that it all worked out for India with the day raining out, it would have been interesting to see how they would have operated had it not been the case. For the 13.2 overs they were on the field, India struggled. Or rather did not make Australia openers sweat. Whether it was Jasprit Bumrah or Mohammed Siraj, they perhaps did not pitch it as fuller as they should have and as a result, Usman Khawaja and Nathan McSweeney looked at home.

Scoreboard

Australia 1st innings: Usman Khawaja batting 19, Nathan McSweeney batting 4. **Extras:** 5. **Total:** (for no loss in, 13.2 ovs) 28. **Bowling:** Jasprit Bumrah 6-3-8-0, Mohammed Siraj 4-2-13-0, Akash Deep 3.2-2-2-0.

When Akash Deep was eventually brought on, he had an eventful over, showing why the Bengal pacer perhaps should have played in Adelaide ahead of Rana. He immediately hit the right lengths, making the ball move. He drew McSweeney forward, forcing him to play on every occasion possible. Meanwhile, Khawaja farmed most of the strike, knowing what to do on such a surface. It is his home ground and has played all his cricket over the last decade at this venue. There were a few plays and misses, but it did not matter as Indians were pitching it either too short or too wide. In the end, it didn't matter much as they will get a chance to start fresh again on Sunday, an early 9.50 AM start. However, with the pitch remaining under covers and with more rain on the forecast, there's a good chance that play will continue to be interrupted.

The hype around the match included off-field festivities organised by Cricket Australia, such as a summer festival featuring Bollywood music, gilli danda, henna, and other attractions for fans who queued up early on Saturday morning. On the field, intense action was anticipated, with the partisan Gabba crowd adding energy through boos and cheers. Siraj, notably, faced some booing on Saturday. As things stand, however, cricket fans may be in for a few wet and frustrating days at The Gabba.

WPL AUCTION

Finishing touches ahead of season three

In the retention window, all five Women's Premier League teams have managed to keep their core intact. However, ahead of the third season early in 2025, this auction in Bengaluru on Sunday will help them fill in the blanks. A look...

In numbers

From the list of 120 players, there are 91 Indian and 29 overseas cricketers, including 3 from Associate Nations. The Player Auction will consist of 82 Indian uncapped players and 8 uncapped overseas players. 19 slots are up for grabs, with 5 slots reserved for overseas players.

Which team needs what?

With ₹4.4 crore in their bag and multiple changes in their support staff, Gujarat Giants have 4 players to pick, including two overseas players. Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru, have filled up on their quota of overseas players and would aim to utilise their purse of 3.25 crore for domestic players alone.

Core retained. What's next?

Mumbai Indians, UP Warriorz and Delhi Capitals were successful in retaining their core Indian and overseas players. While UP need an overseas pacer to help their Indian contingent out, the Capitals might want to add a backup wicketkeeper. Mumbai would like to add an Indian batting allrounder for the middle overs.

Laura Harris

Players to watch out for

Sneh Rana, who was released by Gujarat Ginats, might have fallen out of favour in the national setup, but her experience could come in handy. Similarly, Uttarakhand's Nandini Kashyap might also gain a few bucks given the weight of her performances in the domestic season and her recent call-up for the national team. Amongst the international players, Australia's uncapped players Laura Harris could be a wildcard along with West Indies' power hitter Deandra Dottin.

Teams	Slots remaining	Purse remaining
Delhi Capitals	4 (1 overseas)	₹2.5 crore
Gujarat Giants	4 (2 overseas)	₹4.4 crore
Mumbai Indians	4 (1 overseas)	₹2.65 crore
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	4 (0 overseas)	₹3.25 crore
UP Warriorz	3 players (1 overseas)	₹3.25 crore

Associate angle

Two players have featured in WPL so far — USA's Tara Norris for Delhi Capitals and Scotland's Kathryn Bryce for Gujarat Giants. Currently, no team has retained any of the players from Associate Nations. Three players: Samaira Dharnidharka and Teerths Satish from UAE and Sarah Bryce from Scotland have put their names

ISL: BFC fight back to earn a point

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU FC were in danger of suffering their third defeat of the ongoing Indian Super League season, in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Sahil Tavora had struck for FC Goa, their opponent on the day, from just outside the penalty box to silence the home crowd. With barely 25 minutes of regulation time remaining, Bengaluru had a mountain to climb. But the narrative changed soon after as Bengaluru found the spark that they needed through Ryan Williams' goal. Vinith Venkatesh had a big hand in it. It was his brilliant delivery inside the box that found William's run. The latter hit a first-time finish across the goalkeeper.

With eight minutes of regulation time remaining, Bengaluru completed the fightback with several players involved in the build-up. Williams was once again involved. His initial shot from the right was denied by the post. However, Roshan Singh, who was on the left, found the ball that rebounded off the post and did very well to cut it inside for Jorge Pereyra Diaz, who was also involved during the build-up. The latter was sharp enough to adjust his body for a first-time finish.

Veteran Sandesh Jhingan had handed the away team a dream start by scoring in the sixth minute of the contest.

With the result, Bengaluru FC now have a tally of 24 points and are placed second.

In the second match of the day, Mohun Bagan Super Giant posted their fifth consecutive home win by defeating Kerala Blasters FC 3-2 at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata.

Bengaluru's Jorge Pereyra Diaz (2nd R) rejoices after scoring against FC Goa | ISL

EXPRESS READ

'No decision on Sinner case before new year'

MONTREAL: Tennis star Jannik Sinner's doping case will not have a decision from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) before the end of the year, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) reportedly told *AFP*. "There will be nothing by the end of the year," WADA director general Olivier Niggli told the news agency.

Neeraj's Paris Games T-shirt in WA museum

MONACO: Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is among 23 athletes whose competition artefacts have been inducted into the World Athletics Heritage Collection, currently on display in the online 3D platform of the Museum of World Athletics (MOWA). Chopra donated the t-shirt he wore at the Paris Games.

Amir announces retirement from int'l cricket

KARACHI: Pakistan left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir bid adieu to international cricket on Saturday, months after coming out of retirement to play in the T20 World Cup. Amir, who was banned from cricket for five years on spot-fixing charges and was briefly jailed for his crime, had retired from all forms of international cricket in 2020.

FOOTBALL

Jota rescues 10-man Liverpool, Arsenal frustrated

AGENCIES @ London

DIOGO Jota rescued Liverpool as the Premier League leaders recovered from Andy Robertson's early red card to snatch a 2-2 draw with Fulham, while Arsenal's title challenge was dented by a goalless stalemate against Everton on Saturday.

With just four minutes left at Anfield, Arne Slot's side were in danger of losing for just the second time in 15 top-flight games this season.

But Jota grabbed a valuable equaliser as Liverpool extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 19 matches since a loss to Nottingham Forest in September. With last weekend's Merseyside derby at Everton postponed by severe weather, Liverpool have now gone two league games without a win following their 3-3 draw at Newcastle.

The Reds sit five points clear of second-placed Chelsea, who can close the gap with a win against Brentford at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Liverpool were rocked in the 11th minute as Fulham midfielder Andreas Pereira met Antonee Robinson's cross with an agile volley that deflected in off Robertson. The Reds suffered another blow when Scotland left-back Robertson was sent off in the 17th minute for a professional foul on Harry Wilson. But Slot's men have made a habit of coming from behind this season and Cody Gakpo equalised in the 47th minute with a stooping header from Mohamed Salah's cross.

Diogo Jota rejoices after scoring against Fulham on Saturday | AFP

The Dutch forward's ninth goal in all competitions this season was the prelude to a period of sustained Liverpool pressure. But Fulham forward Rodrigo Muniz delivered a sucker punch as he bundled over the line from Robinson's cross in the 76th minute.

That set the stage for a dramatic finale as Jota levelled in the 86th minute with a cool finish past Bernd Leno from the edge of the area.

Arsenal failed to take advantage of Liverpool's rare stumble as the Gunners were kept at bay on a frustrating afternoon at the Emirates Stadium.

Results: Arsenal **0-0** Everton; Wolves **1-2** Ipswich Town; Newcastle United **4-0** Leicester; Liverpool **2-2** Fulham.

Bundesliga teams finish game without attacking

Bochum's goalkeeper was struck on the head by an object thrown from the stands at Union Berlin and both Bundesliga teams left the field on Saturday. Patrick Drewes was preparing to take a goalkick at 1-1 in added time when he was hit. The referee suspended the game and led both teams off the field. Nearly half an hour later, the game resumed and Drewes was replaced by striker Philipp Hofmann. With about three minutes left, both teams agreed to not try to score. Players passed the ball around, walked and had conversations with opponents while waiting for the referee to declare the game over.

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